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Board of County Commissioners

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Water Main Break Initiates Boil Water Notice at VPS

Airport Personnel and Contractors have been notified; officials have halted the use of tap water.

State Route 123 - Due to an emergency water main break, water service has been interrupted and a “Precautionary Boil Water Notice” has been issued for the **Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport (VPS)**, which is located in the Garniers Service Area (PWS ID #1460506) in unincorporated Fort Walton Beach.

The Airport’s water pressure has been restored by water and sewer department crews as of 4:15. As a precaution, we advise that all water used for drinking, cooking, making ice, brushing teeth, or washing dishes be boiled. A rolling boil of one minute is sufficient. As an alternative, bottled water may be used. The public is also advised to take precautions when bathing, especially immunocompromised individuals, infants, or the elderly.

The water main break took place on SR 123 in the middle of the county, on Eglin Air Force Base land. More than 20 Okaloosa County Water and Sewer Personnel have identified the source of the leak and continue to work toward a solution. **There is no threat to SR 123 or to the commuting public this afternoon.**

The water system will be collecting samples to determine if the presence of potentially harmful bacteria exists within the water system. This “Precautionary Boil Water Notice” will remain in effect until the problem has been corrected and a bacteriological survey shows that the water is safe to drink.

You will be notified when the “Precautionary Boil Water Notice” has been rescinded. For further information, please contact Customer Service at 651-7171, or for after-hours emergencies, please contact 651-7174.

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