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CITY OF MONMOUTH LIFTS BOIL WATER ORDER

MONMOUTH, Ill. — **The City of Monmouth Public Works Department has lifted the citywide boil water order as of this morning. Laboratory results meet Illinois EPA and federal drinking water standards. Tap water may be used as usual for drinking, cooking, and food preparation.**

The order took effect at 10:00 a.m. Monday after well 8's submersible motor failed. That well had been the remaining source for the south water treatment plant since the August 13 lightning strike took wells 4 and 5 out of service. Well 5 had already been structurally repaired and was in service testing on a regulatory timeline. State rules required the boil order and bacteriological sampling until the lab work was finished.

Public Works thanks residents and businesses for working through the inconvenience, boiling water or switching to bottled, and giving our crews room to finish the well work.

Before you put the tap back in regular use:

- Throw out ice made during the order
- Run cold water for one to two minutes at each tap that sat unused
- Flush refrigerator and freezer water lines and dump the ice bin