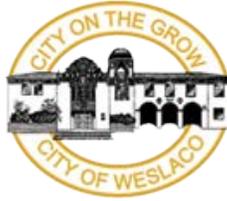


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Old Equipment Fails, Causes Weslaco Water Service Disruption

Weslaco, TX – A failure by an old valve at the Water Treatment Plant led to an interruption in water distribution, low water pressure throughout the City, and a boil water notification.

"The system is old," said Leonardo Olivares, City Manager. "This is why the City recently declared an emergency to move quickly and upgrade our water treatment, distribution and storage systems."

During routine operations Tuesday morning a valve at the Water Treatment Plant failed, resulting in a loss of water pressure throughout the City. Disruption was minimized at critical facilities such as Knapp Medical Center and local dialysis clinics.

The valve and waterline immediately were bypassed and water pressure is restoring slowly to normal operating levels. As a precautionary measure and in compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the City issued a system-wide boil water notice that will remain in effect until further notice.

"The valve has been in continuous service since 1947," said David Salinas, Public Utility Department Director. "It is scheduled to be replaced as part of the ongoing Plant expansion and rehabilitation."

Continue to follow traditional and social media for updates; Code Red subscribers will receive updates by phone. For guidance how the boil notice may affect business operations, please contact the Health Division at City Hall, 956.968.3181.

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