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WATER MAIN BREAK ON TUESDAY MAY 26, 2009

A water main break occurred on Rockland Street near Bonnie Briar Circle in Hingham, MA, early in the morning on Tuesday, May 26, 2009. Aquarion personnel isolated the break on the 12" water main and proceeded to repair it. Water services were fully restored during the afternoon.

Aquarion personnel have been cleaning out hydrants in isolated areas of the system to eliminate sediment and discolored water. The discoloration is caused by inorganic elements (iron and manganese) that settle in the system and become stirred up during high flow periods such as a water main break or fire hydrant use.

Customers are advised not to use discolored water, because it is not palatable and it could stain laundry, discolor hot water systems, and interfere with commercial and industrial operations that rely on high quality water for their processes. Customers also should delay washing laundry until their water is clear.

Once Aquarion is done cleaning out the mains, customers can eliminate discolored water from their home plumbing systems by turning on the bathtub faucet and letting the cold water run until it is clear.

Robert Roland, Aquarion's Director of Operations, stated, "We would like to thank police and fire departments for their assistance; customers affected for their patience while the repair was made and the system cleaned out, and our crews and contractor who made the repair and restored services sooner than expected."

The break apparently was caused by ground settling under the water main. Anyone with questions should call Aquarion's customer service department at 1.800.928.3734 or visit www.aquarionwater.com.