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Boil Notice Continues for Wymore Rural Water Customers

(Beatrice, NE) A boil notice is in effect for all customers of the Wymore Rural Water System until the tests sent to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services confirm that no bacteria is present in the water system and the water is safe to drink. The boil notice was prompted by a break in the water line over the weekend. Water testing is estimated to be completed sometime next week.

“We appreciate everyone's patience as we worked to resolve a major water line failure in less than ideal weather conditions,” said Lower Big Blue General Manager, Dave Clabaugh. “NRD staff searched more than 150 miles of pipeline during last weekend’s rain and snow and was able to isolate the water line break less than 48 hours after it was discovered.”

The Wymore Rural Water Project, managed by the Lower Big Blue NRD, suffered a major line break Saturday, December 1st. Staff began receiving calls of low water pressure in the late morning on Saturday. At the same time, nearly three inches of rain was falling on southeast Nebraska, causing the Big Blue River to nearly overtop its banks. The Lower Big Blue NRD believes that excessive rain may have caused shifting underground which created a leak.

“Leaks like this are historically extremely hard to pinpoint.” said Clabaugh. “Our staff found it quickly and took immediate action to stop the leak and repair the pipe.”

LBBNRD estimates around 230 customers are affected by the boil notice. Water must be vigorously boiled for one (1) minute before being used for drinking. Bottled water is currently available at the Lower Big Blue NRD office at 805 Dorsey St.

Wet and cold conditions slowed the repair process down; however, repairs were completed and pumping resumed Monday night. Customers are seeing water pressure return to the system, and the water tower is full.

“We want to thank the Wymore Fire Department, Gage County Emergency Management, and Wymore-Blue Springs township for their part in getting water back to our customers” said Clabaugh. “We would also like to thank Orschlen Farm and Home and Linpeco for their assistance with providing bottled water.”

The Lower Big Blue NRD will inform customers when water is safe to drink via the media, on Facebook and at lbbnrd.net If you have any questions, please call the Lower Big Blue NRD at 402-228-3402.

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