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DWSD announces emergency repairs for 12-mile portion of 96-inch water main in Oakland and Macomb Counties

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) today announced that repairs to address a water main leak on Dequindre Road at the border between Rochester Hills and Shelby Township will cause some disruption of service to residents in affected communities. A damaged air valve on the 96-inch regional water transmission main that supplies communities in northern Oakland and Macomb Counties is believed to be the cause of the leak. DWSD crews will perform emergency repairs overnight that will require closure of a 12-mile portion of the main between 20 and 32 Mile Roads from 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 1 until 7:00 a.m. Thursday, July 2. A portion of Dequindre between South Boulevard and Auburn Road will be closed by the Oakland County Road Commission to permit access to the repair site. Residents in affected communities may experience low water pressure while repairs are being made.

Repairs are expected to directly impact Washington Township, Shelby Township, Rochester Hills, Macomb Township, Chesterfield Township, Harrison Township, Lenox Township, the Village of New Haven, a portion of Romeo served by DWSD and sections of the City of Rochester that are supplied water by Shelby Township. DWSD is asking residents in these areas, as well as those living in the Clinton Township, Sterling Heights and Utica to refrain from outside water usage between the hours of Noon on Wednesday and Noon on Thursday to assist DWSD in expediting these repairs.

“We apologize for the imposition these emergency repairs will cause customers served by DWSD in the affected areas, and we are grateful for their cooperation and understanding during this temporary inconvenience,” said Interim Director Pamela Turner.

DWSD is working closely with utility managers in all affected communities to coordinate the shut down of the water main, emergency repairs and restoration of normal service.

DWSD supplies high-quality drinking water to 4.3 million people who live and work in Detroit and 125 other communities in southeast Michigan. The Department provides wastewater services to three million people who live and work in Detroit and 76 other southeast Michigan communities.

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