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To: Local Media
From: Western U.P. Health Department
Subject: Boil Water Advisory
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Drinking Water Advisory

Houghton County – Boil Water Advisory

Houghton County – Due to a water main break in Adams Township, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has issued a precautionary boil water advisory for the following affected areas: Atlantic Mine, City of Hancock, all of Portage Township (which includes Hurontown, Isle Royale #2 Location, Dodgeville, Dakota Heights, and Naumkaeg Shores), and Quincy and Franklin Townships that are supplied with municipal drinking water from Adams Township.

Bacteria are common throughout the environment and generally are not harmful. However, whenever a water system is damaged or loses pressure for any significant length of time, precautionary measures are recommended until the system is tested and confirmed safe for drinking. Water boiled for two minutes or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, coffee, pop or other beverages, and preparing food until further notice.

Food establishments in the affected area must follow the instructions in the “Emergency Action Plans for Retail Food Establishments” guide in order to remain open. A link to this document is posted on the Western U.P. Health Department (WUPHD) web site at www.wupdhd.org. Instructions are available in English, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese. A copy can also be faxed or email to you upon request.

This precautionary boil water advisory remains in effect until results from the sampling verify the water is safe to drink. EGGLE anticipates receiving water testing results by Saturday morning. Another notice will be issued when the boil water advisory has been lifted. Please share this notice with other people who drink this water by distributing this notice or posting in a public place. If you have questions during the boil water advisory period, contact Tanya Rule, WUPHD Environmental Health Director, at (906) 482-7382.

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