To: Emergency Medical Alert Network (EMAN) Participants
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End to "Boil Water" Order

The finding of coliforms in a city water sample prompted San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders to issue a "boil water " order on Saturday August 5 to neighborhoods along the Interstate 15 corridor north of Mercy Road and Scripps Poway Parkway and south of Lake Hodges. This action followed a water main break. Subsequent water samples collected and tested were free of potentially harmful bacteria. Homeowners may resume using the water supplied by the City. Water delivered by the City may once again be used for all food preparation, drinking and bathing needs. Area facilities preparing food for the public that had been closed are now open.

"Boil water" alerts are issued as precautionary measures when the monitored water system exceeds national standards for coliform bacteria, used as indicators of treatment efficacy or fecal contamination. Standards may be exceeded either as an acute spike in bacterial populations or as a preponderance of positive samples.

For information about water borne illness, please call the City's Water Emergency Hotline 619-570-1070, or Community Epidemiology 619-515-6620.

Thank you for your continued participation.

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