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Boil Water Advisory Rescinded for a Portion of the City of Galena, Cherokee County

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has rescinded a boil water advisory for a portion of the City of Galena public water supply system located in Cherokee County. The area affected was generally north of Front Street and either side of North Main Street, also known as the Empire Area.

The advisory was issued because of a waterline break resulting in a loss of pressure in a portion of the distribution system. Failure to maintain adequate pressure may result in a loss of chlorine residuals and bacterial contamination.

Public water suppliers in Kansas take all measures necessary to notify customers quickly after a system failure or shutdown. Regardless of whether it's the supplier or KDHE that announces a boil water advisory, KDHE will issue the rescind order following testing at a certified laboratory.
Laboratory testing samples collected from the the City of Galena indicate no evidence of bacteriological contamination and all other conditions that placed the system at risk of contamination are deemed by KDHE officials to be resolved.

For consumer questions, please contact the water system at: 620-783-5265, or you may call KDHE at 785-296-5514. For consumer information please visit our PWS Consumer Information webpage.

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