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Boil Water Advisory Continues for RWD 6, Franklin County KDHE working with water district to address ongoing issues

TOPEKA – Due to a water line break, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) issued a boil water advisory for Franklin County Rural Water District 6 in Franklin County on Sept. 29. The advisory remained in effect due to discolored water caused by manganese, which was dislodged from the water line during the break. Due to another line break that happened today, Tuesday, Oct. 9, the advisory remains in effect.

“We are in daily contact with the operator,” said Cathy Tucker Vogel, Public Water Supply Section Chief, KDHE. “The water district is working quickly to repair the leak, flush and disinfect the lines. Unfortunately, the weather conditions are making this effort difficult. KDHE’s lab is quickly processing samples to ensure water is safe to drink and service resumes soon.”

Customers should observe the following precautions until further notice:

- If your tap water appears dirty, flush the water lines by letting the water run until it clears.
- Boil water for one minute prior to drinking or food preparation or use bottled water.
- Dispose of ice cubes and do not use ice from a household automatic icemaker.
- Disinfect dishes and other food contact surfaces by immersion for at least one minute in clean tap water that contains one teaspoon of unscented household bleach per gallon of water.
- Water used for bathing does not generally need to be boiled. Supervision of children is necessary while bathing so that water is not ingested. Persons with cuts or severe rashes may wish to consult their physicians.

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The advisory took effect on Sept. 29, and will remain in effect until the conditions that placed the system at risk of bacterial contamination are resolved.

Regardless of whether the public water supplier or KDHE announced a boil water advisory, only KDHE can issue the rescind order following testing at a certified laboratory.

If you have questions, please contact the water system or you may call KDHE at 785-296-5795. For consumer information, please visit KDHE's Consumer Information webpage:

http://www.kdheks.gov/pws/emergencyresponse/water_disruption.htm

Restaurants and other food establishments that have questions about the impact of the boil water advisory on their business can contact the Kansas Department of Agriculture's food safety & lodging program at kda.fsl@ks.gov or call 785-564-6767.

For updates online, go to:

- The KDHE news website at https://khap2.kdhe.state.ks.us/NewsRelease/nr_index.aspx,
- The KDHE Facebook page at <http://Facebook.com/KDHEnews> or
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