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Press Release from Pennsylvania American Water

Norristown, PA (May 22, 2014) – Pennsylvania American Water reported this afternoon that lab results indicate no signs of bacteria in its Norristown area water system. The first set of samples were collected yesterday (Wednesday) at 11 locations within the six municipalities that are under the precautionary boil water advisory. With the first set of “clean” results, the company collected a second set of samples today from 11 locations within the same communities. According to PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) guidelines, Pennsylvania American Water must have two consecutive days of “clean” test results before DEP will allow the boil advisory to be lifted. If the second set of results also shows no evidence of bacteria, the advisory could be lifted on Friday for the approximately 18,000 customers who are affected. The precautionary boil water advisory was issued late Tuesday, May 20, when parts of the distribution system lost positive water pressure.

The Norristown Water Treatment Plant has returned to normal production levels, plus our storage tanks have refilled to almost normal capacity. The plant's average production is 10.5 million gallons per day, and our storage capacity consists of seven tanks ranging from 400,000 gallons to 2.8 million gallons, so the water system is back to full water pressure and adequate capacity.