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DHHR issues a Statewide Boil Water Advisory to Affected Areas

The WV Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Public Health has issued a boil water advisory effective until further notice.

DHHR Office of Environmental Health Services Director Barbara Taylor said, "Due to the statewide power outages, <u>any</u> area that had low water pressure, no water service or cloudy water is being placed on a Boil Water Advisory."

The advisory will remain in effect until the water service issues a notice lifting the advisory.

"Any section of an affected service area will be on a precautionary Boil Water Advisory until the water provider issues a notice that the advisory is lifted," Taylor said.

While the advisory is in effect, consumers are advised to boil their drinking water (a full rolling boil) for at least one minute prior to drinking, using for cooking, or hygienic purposes such as hand washing, bathing or teeth brushing.

More information about water safety is available online at www.wvdhhr.org/oehs.