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HEALY ORDERS WATER CRISIS PROBE **Demo company fined for working without a Saturday permit**

JERSEY CITY - Mayor **Jerramiah T. Healy** has ordered an official investigation into Saturday's water main break that left thousands of Downtown Jersey City and Hoboken residents and businesses without water.

The nearly catastrophic water main break that occurred when a 36-inch main was breached around 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, should have been avoided and now all affected, including city officials of both Jersey City and Hoboken, need answers, **Mayor Healy** said.

"Following Saturday's water main break, I ordered a full investigation into what occurred at the site of the former Van Leer Chocolate Factory and which caused inconvenience to many residents of our Newport neighborhood," **Mayor Healy** said. "What our investigation has found so far is that Nacirema was working on a Saturday without a permit."

Nacirema, the company doing construction at Hoboken Avenue when the incident occurred, was cited by the city for \$250 for not having a "Saturday work permit" by the Jersey City Police Department. The city's investigation is ongoing.

"Additionally, the City is working with United Water to determine how area businesses who may have been affected by the water main break should proceed if interested in filing a claim," Mayor Healy added.

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