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## ***Jersey City Water Supply to be Shut Down While United Water Conducts Inspections & Maintenance United Water has made arrangements with other suppliers in the area to supply customers during the shutdown***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and the **Office of Emergency Management** have issued a notice for Jersey City residents that United Water will shut down the city’s water supply aqueduct to perform system inspections and maintenance beginning today, **Oct. 1, 2007**.

The aqueduct will be closed for approximately three to four weeks to allow engineering teams the opportunity to inspect the aqueduct and the 100-year old tunnel system and perform maintenance work at the water treatment plant.

**United Water** has made arrangements with other water suppliers in the area (Newark and Passaic Valley Water Commission) to supply the City and its customers with water during the shutdown. You may experience some discolored water while the tunnel is shutdown for inspection.

While this may be a temporary inconvenience, we are confident that you support our predictive and preventive maintenance efforts.

The **Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority** and their contractors will be performing the inspections. United Water Jersey City will be providing confined space entry operations during this inspection. In case of an emergency, we will notify local area Emergency Management Offices.

United Water is asking all customers to conserve water during this period. That means using water only for essential purposes such as taking quicker showers in the morning and washing only full loads of dishes and clothes at night.

United Water has stated that its goal is to have minimal, if any, discoloration. Should there be any discoloration, it poses no health threat, but can be aesthetically unpleasant. You should, however, let it run clear before washing clothes./////