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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT RESCINDS WEST PALM BEACH BOIL WATER
NOTICE**

WEST PALM BEACH, FL-Palm Beach County Health Department Director, Dr. Jean Malecki today rescinded the boil water notice for the central, north, and western service areas of the West Palm Beach Water system. This latest order clears the entire system.

Water sampling data, the identification of a possible source of the contamination, purging the system with a chlorine burn, flushing the system and laboratory results showing contaminants had been removed combined in making the decision to lift the water notice. In addition, no further reports of possible illness due to drinking the contaminated water have been received over the last two days by the Health Department.

“Residents and businesses should let their faucets run for two to three minutes before using the water for drinking, brushing teeth or cooking”, said Malecki. “I am also urging everyone to change or clean any filters they have on their water lines before using. These procedures will help reduce the chlorine odor people may be experiencing and flush any residue that may have collected during the lack of use this past week,” Malecki added

Friday, October 5 the Health Department released the boil water notice for the water service areas south of Okeechobee Boulevard, east of Florida Mango and the Towns of South Palm Beach and Palm Beach.

The Health Department will continue working with the City of West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County and other parties to monitor the areas water supply and assure its safety.