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### **Precautionary boil water advisory issued after water main break on South Tamiami Trail**

A precautionary boil water advisory has been issued after repairs to a water main break that occurred at 7207 S. Tamiami Trail this afternoon. The break, which was caused by a contractor digging in the area, interrupted service to Outback Restaurant, Copenhagen Imports, Peninsula Bank and Goodwill. Water service was restored late Friday afternoon.

Sarasota County is notifying affected customers in the area of the precautionary boil water advisory.

While the county has no reason to believe the drinking water was contaminated, Florida law requires that drinking water providers issue precautionary boil water advisories to customers affected by pressure losses in water mains.

While the advisory is in effect, the county advises affected customers to boil all tap water intended for drinking, preparation of food, washing of food utensils, making ice, brushing teeth or for first aid, making sure the water is brought to a rolling boil for one minute. Boiling the tap water disinfects it, destroying any harmful microorganisms. Bottled water can be used as an alternative to boiling the tap water.

Over the next few days, the county will collect a series of samples in the affected area and analyze them to ensure the drinking water wasn't contaminated by potentially harmful bacteria during the service interruption. Customers will notified by another automated telephone call that the boil water advisory has been cancelled.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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