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Situational Update

Water line break: Research Forest and Technology Forest

The Woodlands, Texas—San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) its contractors, and [Montgomery County Precinct 3 Commissioner James Noack's Office \(Precinct 3\)](#) continue to inspect and repair the area. We realize this is a slow process and an immense inconvenience for everyone who drives in the area. Flushing of the water line will begin today (October 9th). Residents might see water coming from the flushing hydrant that is on Research Forest Drive, within the coned off area. In addition SJRA will be flushing hydrants at Woodlands Water Plants 2 and 5.

Process:

Uncover affected area after Tropical Storm Imelda (**COMPLETED**);

Dewater the area (**COMPLETED**);

Remove bank sand from around the pipe (**COMPLETED**);

Install a new section of pipe (**COMPLETED**);

Hydrotest the new pipe (**COMPLETED**);

Backfill the affected area (**COMPLETED**);

Remove remaining pavement (**COMPLETED**);

Re-pave the affected area; and (**COMPLETED**)

Coordination with [Precinct 3](#) to reopen the eastbound side (**Occurs after inspection by Precinct 3***).

***Concrete can take approximately 6-7 days of dry weather to cure before being opened safely to traffic. Drivers will see traffic control and reduced activity during this time.**

Repairing a water line and a major thoroughfare is a large-scale project that requires a detailed process to ensure the work is done PROPERLY and SAFELY. Thank you [Precinct 3](#) engineers for your assistance and cooperation. Many thanks to [Montgomery County Sheriff Rand Henderson](#) and [Montgomery County Constable Ryan Gable](#) for traffic control.

We will continue to post updates on social media (Facebook [@SanJacintoRiverAuthority](#) or Twitter [@SJRA_1937](#)).

Thank you again, for working with us to ensure the safety of the community.

*Traffic map attached.

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