UNION COUNTY / ANSON COUNTY / LANCASTER COUNTY WATER & SEWER

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Regional Water Quality Preventative Maintenance Program

WHAT: In a continuing effort to distribute high quality potable water, the above listed water utilities will conduct a routine Water Quality Preventative Maintenance Program. This program will involve temporarily switching water disinfectants from the present chloramines to free chlorine in order to optimize water quality within the distribution systems.

WHEN: **Monday, February 23, 2015 through Sunday, March 22, 2015**

WHERE: **Union County: Public water systems in Weddington, Wesley Chapel, Waxhaw, Marvin, Indian Trail, Stallings, Wingate, Marshville, Fairview, Unionville, and unincorporated areas of Union County served by Union County Public Works.**

Anson County: Public water systems in Wadesboro, Morven, Lilesville, Peachland, Polkton, Marshville and Ansonville, and unincorporated areas of Anson County, as well as portions of Chesterfield County, SC, served by Anson County Public Works.

Lancaster County: Public water systems in the cities of Lancaster, Health Springs and Kershaw, and unicorporated areas of Lancaster County served by LCWSD.

COMMENTS:

During the Preventative Maintenance Program, some water customers may notice temporary taste, color or odor differences in their water. This is a normal component of the process and customers should be reassured that water quality is not affected and remains safe for drinking, bathing, cooking and other general uses. Most customers will not notice any change.

There are three groups of water users that should take special precautions during the Preventative Maintenance Program: 1) hospitals and kidney dialysis providers/patients, 2) fish, pond, pool and aquarium owners/operators, and 3) some business that use water in their production process. Those who fall into any of the above categories are strongly encouraged to seek professional advice concerning the removal methods for chlorine and chloramines from their water supply.

This maintenance program is being performed at this time of year when water usage is low, as not to stress the water distribution system during times of higher demands, such as summer. You may see crews performing flushing operations at hydrants to insure chlorinated water is dispersed through the entire water system.

Once the water distribution systems have been completely and adeqautely treated and flushed, the disinfection process will be switched back to chloramines and re-introduced into the water distribution systems.

For further information or with specific questions, residents may contact their local water provider. Media inquiries may be directed to the contacts listed above.

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These Counties work in cooperation with one another to provide potable drinking water to portions of the 5-county region including Union, Anson, and Richmond counties in North Carolina and Lancaster and Chesterfield counties in South Carolina, serving a population of approximately 207,800 residents.

For more information on these utilities, please visit:

Union County - *www.co.union.nc.us*

Anson County - *www.co.anson.nc.us*

Lancaster County Water & Sewer District – *www.lcwasd.org*