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### Boil Alerts Issued for Ohio Communities

COLUMBUS  (July 2, 2012) -- Residents in a number of communities across Ohio must boil their drinking water after public water systems lost pressure.

Residents in the following communities are STRONGLY URGED not to use water for drinking, brushing teeth or bathing without boiling it first.

- Muskingum County;
- Crooksville in Perry County;
- Le-Ax in Athens County, and
- Highland County.

The list will be updated on the web at http://wwwapp.epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/Advisories/advisories.html if more communities join the list.

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for at least one minute and let it cool before using or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

Microbes in bacteriologically-contaminated water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches or other symptoms. If you experience one or more of these symptoms and they persist, contact your doctor. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants and some elderly people may be at increased risk.

People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water in general from their health care providers.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice is a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

A list of cooling shelters, emergency shelters and water distribution locations are available through your local Emergency Management Agency. Residents can also call their local 211 numbers for information and assistance, or 911 in an emergency. Information is also available online at www.ema.ohio.gov and on Twitter @Ohio_EMA and #OHwx.

**Chronology**

- July 2: FEMA delivers initial water supplies to counties and other local governments.

- July 1: Another round of severe storms move across Ohio wiping out power to more residents.

- July 1: Members of Ohio National Guard deploy to help check on Ohioans who may be at risk as a result of power outages and extreme heat.

- June 30: Gov. Kasich's request for federal assistance is approved.

- June 30: Gov. Kasich spoke to the President and requested federal assistance to respond to the storm. He also spoke with utility company CEOs and local elected officials to make state resources available to expedite recovery activities.

- June 30: Gov. Kasich declared an emergency for the entire state of Ohio so state agencies can assist local government response and recovery efforts. The National Guard was activated to help deliver needed supplies and conduct door-to-door checks in select areas to identify vulnerable Ohioans threatened by the severe heat.

- June 29: Ohio's Emergency Operations Center in Columbus was activated to coordinate state and local storm recovery efforts. The state contacted Federal Emergency Management Agency officials to let them know federal assistance may be needed.

- June 29: Severe storms and high winds during evening rush hour knocked out power for approximately one million homes and businesses across two-thirds of the state.

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