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ONWASA LABORATORY CONFIRMS THAT ALL WATER IN ONWASA'S SERVICE AREA IS SAFE TO DRINK – MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION ENDS

Analysis of water taken from sample locations around Onslow County, including Topsail Island has been completed by ONWASA's laboratory. This afternoon, the laboratory confirmed that water throughout the entire service area of ONWASA tests healthy and safe to drink. Previously boil water advisories had been lifted for the mainland, and today the entire service area is free of any boil water advisories.

While water in the system of water mains is safe, individual customers may not have access to the water due to broken water meters or their own household plumbing. ONWASA continues to work locating and repairing individual home services, primarily on Topsail Island.

Water production has returned to 99% of full capacity, and major line ruptures have been repaired or valved-off, allowing the utility to end mandatory water conservation effective immediately.

"Our ONWASA crews have worked around the clock to restore the community's water service to full production. We deeply appreciate the assistance from the City of Raleigh, the City of Wilson, and the Greenville Utilities Commission", ONWASA CEO Jeff Hudson stated. "Crews faced tremendous obstacles including continued flooding, washed out roads, power outages, fuel shortages, and communication system failures", he went on to say. "Nevertheless they met every challenge."

Customers with questions about their water utility are invited to call ONWASA at 910-455-0722.

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