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Statement of Health Commissioner Thomas Farley and Environmental Protection Commissioner Carter Strickland on Water Quality in Breezy Point

New York City's tap water remains safe.

Breezy Point is unique; though it uses city drinking water, which remains safe, its distribution system is privately managed and operated. Breezy Point is isolated by back flow prevention devices and has not negatively impacted the City Water Supply.

Water is being restored, where it can, in Breezy Point for the express purpose of firefighting and fire suppression. Because of what is assumed to be extensive damage to the water pipes **in Breezy Point, the water is not drinkable, even after boiling.** The City will be testing the water to determine the extent of the problem, but for now it's important that residents not drink the water. Safe drinking water is being provided by DEP at portable water station(s) and bottled water is onsite.

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Water treatment plants (Coveaux Canal, Flushing Bay, and Newtown Creek) will be upgraded to meet the new standards. DEP is currently reviewing proposals for these plants and will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for these separate engineering and design services contracts to create green infrastructure media ponds within three combined sewer treatment areas: Coveaux Canal, Flushing Bay, and Newtown Creek.

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