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## DEP PROVIDES WATER-ON-THE-GO DRINKING FOUNTAINS TO RESIDENTS WITHOUT POWER IN MANHATTAN AND FIRST RESPONDERS IN BREEZY POINT

New York City Drinking Water Remains Safe to Drink;

Water-On-the-Go Drinking Fountains Set Up in Six Manhattan Locations to Serve Residents Experiencing Power Outage, and Five for First Responders in Breezy Point

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Carter Strickland today announced that Water-On-the-Go drinking fountains will bring free portable water to six Manhattan locations with high incidence of power failure as well as to first responders in the Breezy Point neighborhood in Rockaway. Water-On-the-Go will serve residents in these areas from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. daily until power is restored to these areas. New York City drinking water remains safe to drink.

Water-On-the-Go drinking fountains will be installed at the following locations in Manhattan until further notice, as well as in Breezy Point to serve residents and first responders:

- ➤ 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- ≥ 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
  ≥ 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- ➤ Houston Street and 6th Avenue
- ➤ Canal Street and Centre Street
- ➤ Monroe Street

Since the start of Hurricane Sandy, DEP has performed more than 3,000 tests on drinking water samples from throughout the city. This is in addition to the 225,000 tests performed annually throughout the watershed.

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