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First round of testing complete. Second round is incubating with results due back tomorrow by 5 p.m.

First Round of Water Tests Come Back Clean for West Jordan Neighborhood Impacted by Precautionary Boil Water Advisory

West Jordan, UT (June 12, 2018) — The first round of water samples has come back clean for the Sienna Vista neighborhood (in the area of 7000 South 5600 West). Water test results performed by an outside lab indicate the water is free of any bacteria or contaminants and was not contaminated when a culinary water line was cross connected into an empty, unused, unpressurized secondary irrigation line.

The West Jordan Water Division discovered the connection yesterday afternoon and immediately severed the connection. A precautionary boil water advisory was distributed yesterday at about 5 p.m. to 150 homes in the area, although only 11 homes were potentially directly impacted.

“Preliminary on-site testing indicated it was highly unlikely the water was contaminated, but we chose to err on the side of caution until we received the test results back,” said Interim Public Works Director Brian Clegg. “We apologize for the concern this has caused and would like to ensure the public that our drinking water is safe. This particular incident impacted a very small area and those residents were personally contacted. Unfortunately, misinformation and rumors circulated and caused a great deal of unnecessary concern.”

The Water Division has taken additional samples that are also being tested. Results are expected tomorrow by 5 p.m. If they also come back negative, the boil advisory will be lifted. The city tests over 100 samples each month to ensure the water supply is safe and meets or exceeds all state and federal requirements. The safety and integrity of our water system is the top priority for the West Jordan Water Division.

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