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Department of Utilities

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**Water Infrastructure Improvements  
September 12, 2017**

The Newport Water Division will be constructing improvements at the Station 1 Water Treatment Plant and to the 24" water main replacement in Ellery Rd at the intersection of Bliss Mine Road on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The work requires the shutdown of the Station 1 water treatment plant located at 100 Bliss Mine Road starting at 8:00am for an estimated 8 hours to complete the first phase of piping replacement in the Plant and to install a new water main interconnection as part of the ongoing Ellery Rd water main improvements. CH Nickerson & Co. will be performing the work within the Station 1 plant and John Rocchio Corporation will perform the water main improvements at the intersection of Ellery and Bliss Mine Roads.

While the water improvements are being constructed, all water will be produced at the Lawton Valley Water Treatment plant located in Portsmouth. Newport Water staff will monitor the distribution system and the levels in the water storage tanks throughout the construction to assure adequate supply in the distribution system. The Newport Water Division does not anticipate any problems with water service to all our customers during the construction of the water system improvements on September 12<sup>th</sup>. We do request our customers, if possible, to refrain from any work on September 12<sup>th</sup> that may produce a high water demand. We have also notified our wholesale customers, Portsmouth Water & Fire District and Naval Station Newport of the construction on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Newport Water Division will be issuing notifications using the City's Code Red system to all our customers who have signed up for notifications at the start of the work and when the work is completed. If you would like to register for the notifications, visit the City's website, [www.cityofnewport.com](http://www.cityofnewport.com) and select the Code Red icon.

The staff of the Newport Water Division appreciates our customers' cooperation and patience as we complete improvements to the drinking water infrastructure.