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### **Boil Water Advisory Issued**

The City of Russell has issued a boil water advisory per KDHE requirements due to an incident that occurred at the Water Plant the morning of Thursday, December 5, 2024.

While working to repair a high-service pump at the Water Plant, a mechanical joint on a discharge line was damaged. This caused water to quickly drain from the water tower. The water flowed into the plant yard causing it to flood. This created the opportunity for water intrusion into our clear well, which feeds our water distribution system. In other words, some of the water that flooded and flowed across the plant yard made its way into the clear well which is then distributed out into the lines that feed our community.

We immediately worked to isolate the issue and worked with KDHE to determine any potential risk to the public. The risk associated with this issue stems from any potential containment that may have been present in the grass or on the ground as the treated water ran across it and into the clear well. Based on the direction of KDHE, a boil water advisory has been issued. We are also sampling water and doing additional testing as required. The boil water advisory will remain in place until KDHE reads and clears the sample results.

Staff issued the notice as soon as it was received by KDHE via social media, local news, and our notify me emergency alert system. Staff is also working diligently to call our area employers and restaurants to ensure the notice is received.

We welcome questions and appreciate your patience and understanding. Please visit us at City Hall – 133 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, or call (785)-483-6311.

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