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**AQUARION WATER COMPANY BEGINS TO FLUSH
STONINGTON AND MYSTIC WATER MAINS**

BRIDGEPORT, CT – September 12, 2006 -- As part of its commitment to maintain high-quality water and service to its customers, Aquarion Water Company announced today that it will begin its water main flushing and cleaning program on the Groton side of Mystic beginning Monday, September 18th. The program is scheduled to be completed by the end of November, weather permitting.

Aquarion will clean water mains starting on Pequot Avenue, heading south past Route 1, and will include all side streets during the first few days. The flushing will take place between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

At various times during the cleaning, the water will be discolored. This is caused by the disturbance of naturally occurring minerals (iron and manganese) that have settled in the water mains. **The water is safe to drink. However, because of discoloration, Aquarion Water Company advises customers to store tap water in the refrigerator for drinking and cooking until the water clears up. Residents should also check the condition of the water prior to washing clothes, and if it's discolored, delay doing laundry until the water is clear.**

Aquarion Company's principal business is public water supply. Through its Aquarion Water Company subsidiaries, it is one of the 10 largest investor-owned water utilities in the U.S., serving 221,000 homes and businesses, or approximately 714,000 people, in 53 Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire communities. Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut provides high-quality water to 176,000 customers, or more than 600,000 people, in 36 cities and towns. This includes approximately 11,000 people in Aquarion's Mystic and Stonington areas.

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