

Detroit Water System Update

February 8, 2021

Please remember that if you find water in your pipes it should NOT be used for any purpose. The pipes serving us have not been cleared of all volatile organic compounds (VOC) that could be hazardous to health. Some of these compounds could contain carcinogens. Please do not use this water for drinking, cooking bathing including showers.

The following is a summary of work completed for the week of February 1st to the 5th.

- Water Treatment Plant: Demolition of the old water treatment plant will start on Tuesday. Olsen, LLC will be cleaning up the site in preparation for the construction of the temporary filtration plant. We are still waiting on the official funding of the USDA ECWAG grant before we can move forward with the shipping of the Westech treatment system and the construction of the temporary facilities.
- Distribution System Repair: Leaks have been isolated to reduce the leakage from 150-200 gpm to about 35 gpm. City staff and Hiland will work to bring this down further.
- Water System Flushing and Testing: All water mains have been flushed. City staff and Hiland will be flushing the individual water services this week, which will need to be tested for VOC contaminat
- We are working with the Oregon Health Authority to follow a Corrective Action Plan that will ensure safe, but non-potable water to the customers.

It is important to remember that the water has not been cleared for any customer use.