

Village of Angola Water Department Emergency Response Plan (Public Review Version)

The Village of Angola Water Department, as directed by the New York State Department of Health, has developed a detailed Emergency Response Plan. This is a summary of that document for Public review and comment.

The Village of Angola purchases its water from Erie County Water in bulk, filtered, disinfected, and ready to drink. We then distribute this water through our own system for Public consumption. Our water is regularly tested as required by law, and we have performed many upgrades on our system to maintain good water quality and service to you, our customers. However, even the best systems, from time to time, suffer failures. These failures can be mechanical, such as defective pipe, old pipe, broken pumps, etc. They can also be caused by nature, in the form of storms, floods, and earthquakes. And then there are other causes of failure such as poor maintenance, hazardous material releases, or most feared, terrorism.

Following is a summary of our plan, most of which is confidential and not available for public view.

In the event of a major or possibly extended loss of water, whether from power loss, storms, hazmat issues, etc., the Water Department would immediately discontinue service to the public to prevent any possible contaminants from being ingested by the public.

At the same time, we would also inform the public of the problem immediately. This information would be disseminated first through the mass media (radio, TV), and then door to door as needed.

An immediate alternative water supply would then be established. Bottled water for drinking, and bulk non-potable water for flushing, washing etc. would be procured. This water would be distributed at a central site – the Village of Angola Fire Hall. This supply would be maintained as long as required by the emergency.

Immediate efforts would be instituted to remedy the cause/effect of the emergency. Water quality would be tested, pipe or other parts of the system replaced or decontaminated, and water quality tested again to assure the safety of the public.

Throughout the duration of the emergency, the public would be informed of work being done, estimated time remaining and any other pertinent information, through mass media, web sites, and door to door if needed.

At the conclusion of the emergency, the public would be informed that the water was once again available, and most important, safe for human consumption. Also, a complete review of the emergency would be done, to help prevent a future occurrence.

Please make any comments of this summary in writing to :

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