

To all in the Canebrake community,

I have received three inquiries by concerned customers as to the status of our water after working on the installation of the Price Line.

Please understand that all involved in this project have worked to ensure that the pipe being laid has been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with chlorine and then capped. Prior to joining the pipe, the cap is removed and the area where the pipe is installed is protected from any debris entering the pipe. Once the new 3" line and 2" line are connected to restore service, the line is flushed to release air and to ensure that any contaminant that may have entered the line is flushed completely out. This process takes up to 30 minutes which is more time than when the line was first opened for us to work on. We then open the line to the community. There are many times where work is done on our system that required uncoupling of the line to repair. There have been no incidents or concerns until now. One individual suggested we should take a sample each time we worked on the line. That would have been an undue hardship on the community, as it takes five to seven days to receive the results and while waiting for the results we would have to shut off the system.

Given that every precaution to ensure the water in your system is not contaminated this may not be enough for some to accept. As with any contaminant issue with our system the boil water notice would be in effect. For any individuals who are uncertain and wish to take precautions regarding your water it is suggested you boil your water before ingestion.

I will be taking quarterly water samples at month's end. The results will be posted when received.

Jerry Bucheit, President
Canebrake County Water District