

INCIDENT: Boil-Water Order Issued in 30 Massachusetts Communities
LOCATION: Boston, Massachusetts
SOURCE:
DATE OF INCIDENT: 5/1/2010

A Boil-water order was issued in 30 Massachusetts communities, including Boston after a water pipe break. The order affected nearly 2 million in Massachusetts. A major pipe bringing water to the Boston area has sprung a "catastrophic" leak and is dumping eight million gallons of water per hour into the Charles River. Governor Deval Patrick declared a state of emergency and issued a boil-water order for Boston and dozens of other communities. The water is not suitable for drinking. All residents in impacted communities should boil drinking water before consuming it.