



**For Immediate Release:  
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The City of Emporia will cease the temporary use of Greensville County's drinking water supplies today and will return to normal operations. At the time of switchover, residents may experience some discoloration in their water and lower water pressure. All mandatory restrictions for commercial vehicle wash facilities, hotels with swimming pools, and ice and water vending have been lifted.

On July 11, the city switched its drinking water source from the Meherrin River to Greensville County's drinking water system out of concern for the potential impact of pollutants from firefighting runoff entering the Meherrin River following a large industrial fire that occurred in South Hill on July 6.

Recent water sampling results confirmed that Emporia's water supply is safe for consumption and all tests meet the requirements of the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water.

The City of Emporia extends their sincere gratitude to Greensville County, Dominion Power, Greensville Correctional Facility and all residents and businesses in the City of Emporia during this time. Special thanks to the staff at the Virginia Department of Health Office of Drinking Water and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.