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## PRESS RELEASE

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Chief

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EMPIRE, Colo. -

The Town's Water Treatment System is producing more than enough water to exceed system demands. The water storage tanks are 100% full and the treatment system is providing water to 100% of the town lines and water taps.

The Denver Water Department completed an extensive leak detection test of all the public lines and some private lines. Denver Water, assisted with Ramey Environmental Compliance, Colorado Rural Water Association, and other water experts have concluded that there were no leaks in the Town of Empire's Public Water Treatment and Distribution System. All detected leaks were on private property and in private residences. Water service has been restored to 100% of the public system with a few private residences still shut off. The few exceptions are private taps that have known open faucets, suspected leaks, or known broken lines.

The water system was flushed and tested per Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). No bacteria were detected and chlorine levels returned to normal. As of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, CDPHE contacted the Town and water authorities with written notice effective immediately to "Rescind Boil Advisory".

The Town of Empire is now moving from an emergency response towards recovery and future mitigation. An "After Action Review" will be completed and available at a future date after the extensive review and input from all participants and stakeholders. This in-depth and methodical report will span from immediately prior to the water emergency through and after the recovery with future mitigation recommendations.

The Town wants to thank the community for all the assistance, volunteers, donations, and hard work involved. We greatly appreciate the compassion and understanding from the residents. The businesses too have been negatively affected and look forward to patrons returning and helping our community and businesses return to a normal, albeit busy start to the summer season.

Questions, comments, requests, please contact Chief John Stein via cell # 303-257-1422 or Town Hall at 303-569-2978.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Stein".

John W. Stein, Chief of Police & Emergency Manager