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**City of Williston Declares Water Supply Situation Critical**

**Mandatory Water Restrictions in Place**

**Williston Regional Water Treatment Plant at Reduced Capacity**

(June 4, 2013) –The spring rise in the Yellowstone River along with recent heavy rain falls in eastern Montana and western North Dakota have increased sediment levels in the Missouri River to historic levels.  Consequently, the Williston Regional Water Treatment Plant is operating at a reduced capacity.

Currently, water demands exceed production and as a result, the City of Williston and the Western Area Water Supply Authority are requiring all businesses and residents in the Williston, Watford City, Trenton, Williams Rural Water District, and McKenzie County Water Resource District service areas to restrict water use to essential use only. Residents and businesses must to shut off lawn sprinklers refrain from washing vehicles, and implement other voluntary water conservation measures.

Despite the temporary reduction in capacity, the water being produced by the Williston Regional Water Treatment Plant has met and continues to meet all water quality standards and is safe for human consumption. If water demand is not reduced and water storage levels continue to decline, production at the water plant will be increased to meet demand, but this may compromise performance of the water plant and result in a region wide boil order.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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**For more information about the City of Watford City, ND,** go to [watford.mckenziecounty.net](http://watford.mckenziecounty.net/).

**For more information about the Western Area Water Supply Project,** go to [www.wawsp.com](http://www.wawsp.com).

**For more information about the Williams Rural Water District and the McKenzie County Water Resource District,** go to [www.ndrw.org](http://www.ndrw.org).