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Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department Begins a Temporary Change to its Water Chlorination Method for Two-Week Period

— Beginning Monday, November 5, 2018 —

Miami Beach, FL – The Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) conducts its spring cleaning in November. Beginning Monday, November 5 through Sunday, November 18 the County department will temporarily change the method used to chlorinate the drinking water supply at the treatment plants. Miami Beach purchases its water directly from Miami-Dade County and will be affected by the temporary change.

Specifically, free chlorine, instead of the standard combined chlorine (chloramine) will be used during the treatment process. Free chlorine is considered an effective method of cleansing water distribution systems. This routine procedure is regularly scheduled each year in a partnership with the Florida Department of Health of Miami-Dade County and the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER).

Miami Beach residents may experience some chlorine smell and/or taste in their water during this short-term period. This is normal as free chlorine has a slightly different taste and smell than combined chlorine. The temporary change does not cause adverse health effects and is a necessary part of WASD's ongoing efforts to provide safe drinking water to Miami-Dade County residents.

Miami Beach Public Works Department's priority is to provide safe, reliable service to its customers. For additional information about the Department Services and programs, please contact the Miami Beach Public Works Operations Control Room at 305.673.7625 or visit the Miami Dade (WASD) website at www.miamidade.gov/water.

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