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## **SUEZ PREPARES FOR WINTER STORM JONAS TO ENSURE RELIABILITY OF CUSTOMERS' WATER SERVICE AND URGE RESIDENTS TO MAINTAIN HYDRANT SAFETY**

**TOMS RIVER, NJ** - SUEZ is prepared for predicted winter storm Jonas throughout its service territory and has focused its attention on necessary steps to maintain reliable water service to its residential and commercial customers during the storm.

"We continue to monitor the weather carefully and are prepared to make the proper operating adjustments necessary to maintain the integrity of our facilities and water supplies," said Jim Mastrokalos, Director of Operations. "Our main concentration is to provide uninterrupted service, manage reserve equipment and respond as quickly as possible to any emergency situations that occur."

"We're urging our customers to review their personal emergency preparedness plans. This includes protecting their property and setting aside space for storm emergency supplies such as flashlights, batteries, food and water. While we will do our best to keep the water flowing, we also strongly encourage our customers to store extra water in clean, food-grade storage containers."

Before filling containers with drinking water, clean them with soap and water then rinse thoroughly with clean water. Seal the containers with the original tops. Place a "drinking water" label on the containers and include a storage date.

With the potential for significant snow forecast for the service area, Mastrokalos is also appealing to residents to safeguard the visibility of fire hydrants located in front of their homes or places of business.

"When water supply is needed to fight a fire, it is crucial that the responding units locate a fire hydrant immediately, particularly if hydrants are hidden under drifting snow," Mastrokalos said. "If firefighters cannot see a hydrant that is blocked by snow, precious minutes could mean the results of extinguishing a fire or rescuing a trapped person," he said.

Residents can assist in this important effort by taking a few extra minutes to help maintain a three-foot clear space around the circumference of fire hydrants. When sweeping or shoveling snow from driveways or walks, hydrants should be cleared all around, allowing the fire department quick access to connections in case of emergencies, enabling fire hoses enough room to expand.

Residents are reminded that in case an emergency action plan is activated by SUEZ, customers can obtain updated information by calling 732-349-0227 or by visiting [www.mysuezwater.com](http://www.mysuezwater.com).

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About SUEZ North America

SUEZ North America operates across all 50 states and Canada with 3,430 employees dedicated to environmental sustainability and leading the resource revolution. The company owns 15 regulated water utilities, provides contracted public-private partnership services to 84 municipalities, offers water treatment and advanced network solutions to 16,000 industrial and municipal sites, provides drinking water, wastewater and waste collection service to nearly 7.5 million people on a daily basis, processes 55,000 tons of waste for recycling and manages \$3.3 billion in total assets. The company posted revenues of \$1.1 billion in 2014 and is a subsidiary of Paris-based SUEZ.

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