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NTMWD completes annual chlorine maintenance of water system New online resources and information on water treatment, testing and chlorine levels

WYLIE, TX – **March 29, 2018:** The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) completed its annual 28-day <u>chlorine maintenance</u> on Monday, March 26, 2018. The maintenance, conducted each winter since 2007, is a preventive measure to safeguard public health.

The use of chlorine to treat the NTMWD water distribution system helps minimize the need for distribution systems hydrant flushing during summer months when warm temperatures increase the potential for harmful bacteria in the system. Many water providers in Texas and across the country use the chlorine maintenance process.

NTMWD conducts hundreds of water tests each day, approximately 250,000 each year. Tests conducted during the recent chlorine maintenance show chlorine levels within regulatory standards. Results of water samples taken during the 28-day maintenance show the level of chlorine remained below the annual average limit of 4 ppm (parts per million).

"Water provided by NTMWD is safe and meets all state and federal water guidelines," said Tom Kula, Executive Director of NTMWD. "The chlorine maintenance process is backed by science and is a proven way to help safeguard public health," Kula added.

The district has set-up a new website, <u>www.SafeWaterNorthTexas.com</u> with links to industry, district and city resources and videos into one online location to <u>address questions</u> about the water treatment and system maintenance process. Results of water tests can be found on the site and at <u>www.NTMWD.com</u>.

Summary:

NTMWD has been delivering safe, quality water to cities for 60+ years. The water industry is highly regulated. NTMWD meets or exceeds all standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The treatment, testing and maintenance we use are proven, industry practices optimized to our system. NTMWD water supplies are from surface water (lakes) and requires treatment processes specific to our region and system. Hundreds of samples are collected and tested daily and more than 250,000 are tested annually to ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements. Our monthly and annual water quality reports are posted online at www.NTMWD.com. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency have confirmed that NTMWD is in full compliance.

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