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Water main break in the Borough

A water main break has interrupted water service in portions of the Borough of Middletown. Repairs are being made and are expected to be completed shortly.

A boil water advisory will be issued once water is restored

The break was caused when construction crews working on the Downtown Infrastructure Project struck a pipe in the intersection of Emaus and Union Streets which was not indicated on the system maps.

Because the pipe is not shown on the system maps, it is not known precisely how widespread the outage is. It is believed to be centered on Union Street between Spring and Mill streets and on East Emaus Street between Union and Pine. Crews are working to determine the extent of the outage.

Repairs are expected to be completed quickly, but due to the loss of water pressure, a boil water advisory will be in effect once service is restored.

This is not the first unmarked pipe which has been discovered during the project. Previously crews discovered a storm sewer pipe which was improperly connected to the Borough's sanitary sewer system. That pipe also connected to the Swatara Creek and is thought to have allowed water from the stream to infiltrate the sanitary sewer system during high water conditions.

An unmarked sanitary sewer pipe was also discovered near the intersection of Brown and South Union Streets which was not shown on Borough maps of the system.

The \$1.6 million infrastructure project involves replacing the 100-plus years old sanitary sewer main under South Union Street and installing new water mains.