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### **Independent lab tests affirm safety of Superior Water, Light and Power water**

SUPERIOR, Wis. – Test results from an independent lab have affirmed the safety of water supplied to customers by Superior Water, Light and Power.

SWL&P conducted additional water tests after the recent Husky Energy refinery fire and results received on Thursday, May 17, indicate no presence of VOCs, or volatile organic compounds, in the water. Northern Lake Service in Crandon, Wisconsin, conducted the tests on the samples, which were taken on May 7. SWL&P took samples from both the intake water from Lake Superior and the treated water as distributed to customers.

“We fielded some questions about water safety in the aftermath of the Husky refinery incident and respect that the community may have had heightened concerns about its drinking water,” said Deb Amberg, SWL&P president. “Although we had no reason to believe that the event resulted in any loss of water quality for SWL&P customers, working in collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, we conducted additional water quality tests to assure customers of the safety of their water.”

Amberg said the utility is committed to providing safe, high quality water and tests for VOCs on a routine basis.

SWL&P takes its water from Lake Superior, from an intake structure that is about 300 feet off of Minnesota Point and 10-12 feet beneath the floor of the lake. The water is pumped to the water treatment plant, where it is filtered, treated, tested and monitored before it is delivered to customers.

As part of normal operations, SWL&P tests daily for fluoride, chlorine, phosphates, PH and bacteria and other water quality measurements, all of which continued to show at normal levels throughout the event.

The water supplied by SWL&P must meet all state and federal regulations, including the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

SWL&P’s annual water quality report is available at [www.swlp.com](http://www.swlp.com).

Superior Water, Light and Power provides electricity, water and natural gas in the city of Superior and adjacent areas in northwestern Wisconsin. The company has served the area since 1889 and provides services to approximately 14,000 electric customers, 12,000 natural gas customers and 10,000 water customers. More information can be found at [www.swlp.com](http://www.swlp.com).

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