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### **ORANGE COUNTY ENDS LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

ORANGE COUNTY, Va. – Effective Tuesday, August 27, at 12:30 p.m., Orange County is ending the local State of Emergency declared on Wednesday, August 21 in response to the Wilderness Water Treatment Plant incident.

Earlier today, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Rapidan Service Authority (RSA) lifted the Do Not Drink advisory for Wilderness Water Treatment Plant customers. The VDH press release is available at [www.vdh.virginia.gov/news/2024-regional-news-releases/rapidan-service-authority-virginia-department-of-health-lift-do-not-drink-advisory-for-wilderness-water-treatment-plant-customers](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/news/2024-regional-news-releases/rapidan-service-authority-virginia-department-of-health-lift-do-not-drink-advisory-for-wilderness-water-treatment-plant-customers).

More information about the incident at the Wilderness Water Treatment Plant is available on the incident website at [www.vdh.virginia.gov/drinking-water/wilderness-water-treatment-plant-contamination](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/drinking-water/wilderness-water-treatment-plant-contamination).

Orange County will continue distribution of bulk and bottled water as scheduled for today, Tuesday, August 27, while supplies remain. There is no distribution planned for tomorrow or future dates. To find today's distribution schedule, visit: <https://orangecountyva.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1788>.

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