

Addressing the Concerns of Saltwater Intrusion in Mid to Late October

Dear Xavierites,

As we are now aware, there is the potential for saltwater intrusion in the New Orleans areas in mid to late October.

While we cannot predict the exact timeline, length or outcomes of this potential saltwater intrusion, Xavier University of Louisiana's leadership team and emergency preparedness team are actively monitoring the situation and working closely with public officials and environmental experts to prepare for any contingencies. We will follow the lead of these experts.

Be advised that tap water throughout the city is currently safe for regular use and that the university is taking steps to ensure the water on campus remains safe for all purposes, including drinking.

Xavier is already taking precautions to ensure the health of its campus community and preparing for any scenario that develops.

This includes securing provisions for temporary water sources with pallets of water secured and scheduled ongoing weekly deliveries to prepare meals, provide drinking water and protect the health and well-being of our community.

Subscribe to our official communication channels for updates. The situation continues to evolve, and Xavier will keep you informed of the unfolding situation and measures we are taking via the official communication channels including email, website, and XULA Safe App.

We encourage all members of the Xavier community to support each other during this potentially challenging time.

I understand that this situation may cause some stress and anxiety. Please be assured that Xavier University of Louisiana is committed to the health and welfare of the entire Xavier community. We will do whatever is in our power to mitigate the discomfort and effects of saltwater intrusion and keep you informed throughout the process.

I fully trust that the Xavier community's resilience and unity will enable us navigate this challenge as we have done in other occasions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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