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PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION PREPARED FOR MORE SNOW

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(Clifton, N.J. – January 18, 2024) – As Northern New Jersey braces for more snow, Passaic Valley Water Commission (PVWC) has taken proactive measures to ensure uninterrupted water supply for its customers.

Key tips to help prevent freezing water pipes, as well as elements from PVWC’s winter readiness plan include:

1. **Insulate pipes:** Protect water pipes from freezing by insulating them with tape or pipe sleeves.
2. **Drip faucets:** Allow faucets to drip slightly during extreme cold to prevent pipes from freezing. Moving water through pipes helps prevent freezing.
3. **Winterize outdoor plumbing:** Disconnect and store garden hoses and close outdoor valves.
4. **Emergency Generators:** PVWC installed four diesel-powered emergency generators totaling 12 megawatts of energy at its Little Falls Water Treatment Plant. In the event of an electrical failure in the area, the \$29 million project ensures the generators, which have been operational since mid-July, will supply enough energy to power the raw water pumps and filtration plant, residuals facility and pumps distributing finished water to our distribution system.
5. **System Inspections and Maintenance:** Thorough checks and maintenance protocols have been enforced across the water distribution system to preemptively identify and address any vulnerabilities that could be intensified by freezing temperatures.
6. **Community Outreach:** PVWC is committed to keeping the public informed about winter weather preparations and offering helpful tips to customers on protecting their water pipes. Stay informed of PVWC-related activity by registering to our **free** notification system by visiting <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=pvwc>.

Questions or concerns? Please contact PVWC’s customer service department at 973-340-4300 (option #2) or customerservice@pvwc.com. Thank you.

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