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## **CITY OF NEW BRITAIN ANNOUNCES WATER SUPPLY DROUGHT ADVISORY**

**NEW BRITAIN** – Today, Mayor Erin Stewart announced a Water Supply Drought Advisory for New Britain. Due to the abnormally low amount of rainfall in the past few months the water levels in the city’s reservoirs have fallen to 67% of total capacity. This low level of supply has triggered action be taken as per the city’s water supply plan. As such, Mayor Stewart and the City of New Britain Water Department are asking all customers of the New Britain Water Utility to voluntarily conserve water and reduce their water usage.

“It has been a very dry and a very hot summer,” said Mayor Stewart. “We need to do all that we can to conserve our water supply in the coming weeks and months. I want to reiterate that this is a voluntary effort, but small steps now, could help us down the road if weather conditions don’t improve. It is important to be mindful of all of the ways we can do our part to help conserve this important resource for our City.”

Mark Rashaw , Chairman of the Board of Water Commissioners and Deputy Director of Public Works and Utilities Division Manager, Raymond Esponda, echoed the Mayor’s sentiments. “I would ask all the residents of New Britain to please start using our water supply wisely and responsible as we all depend on this for our livelihood. Our water is the most valuable resource, we need to start conserving it now,” said Rashaw. “Due to the limited rainfall, we are asking people to conserve our most precious resource, water,” said Esponda.

Please check the city’s website for information on water conservation and for tips on how customers can reduce their usage: <http://www.newbritainct.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=23206>

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