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The NAWS Project advises customers of a mandatory water usage restriction

The Northwest Area Water Supply (NAWS) Project must direct its customers to abide by a mandatory water restriction. Effective on Monday, May 23 the restriction will include non-domestic water usage (i.e. washing cars, watering lawns, agricultural spraying, etc.). Failure to comply with the water restriction may result in an interruption of service to our customers.

The main supply line from the Sindre aquifer feeding the Minot Water Treatment Plant will be taken off-line to accommodate floodwall construction in the vicinity of the treatment plant. During this time, the treatment plant will have access to other wells but that source is limited and the amount of water the plant will be able to treat will be greatly reduced. This will result in limited water supply for the NAWS system and has resulted in the usage restriction.

“We realize that this restriction may be an inconvenience to customers,” said Craig Odenbach, Water Development Division Director with the State Water Commission. “But ultimately this will allow construction crews to perform the necessary repairs and changes to the water lines. With the diligent work of the crew and combined effort of the public and the city, the area will resume regular water use sooner rather than later.”

The water restriction is mandatory, and will remain in effect through Thursday, May 26.