

Improving the Quality of BNL's  Water

Fire Hydrants to Be Flushed Week of October 25-29



- **WHAT?** Fire hydrants will be flushed to clean BNL's water mains and other water-distribution piping.
- **WHY?** By eliminating "rusty" water, flushing the hydrants will help improve the quality of the water delivered to the consumer's tap.
- **WHEN AND WHERE?** Fire hydrants will be flushed Monday through Friday, as follows:
 - **Monday, October 25th:** Rutherford and Lawrence Drives, and south of Bldg. 490
 - **Tuesday, October 26th:** Upton Road through the apartment area.
 - **Wednesday, October 27th:** Cornell Avenue and its cross streets
 - **Thursday, October 28th:** Brookhaven Avenue east to the Upton Forecast Office of the National Weather Service and west to Bldg. 51
 - **Friday, October 29th:** Bell Avenue



FAUCET & FOUNTAIN NOTE: Before drinking or using water during and after hydrant flushing, run the water in the sink, shower, or fountain until the water runs clear. In some places, you may have to run the water for 5 to 10 minutes until the water runs clear.

LAUNDRY NOTE: To make sure that discolored water is not used for washing clothes, the laundries in the apartment area and Curie and Cavendish Houses will close at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, October 26th. The laundries will reopen on Wednesday, October 27th, at 10 a.m., at which time the washing machines will be ready for use with clean water.



- **WHO?** Fire hydrants will be flushed by the staff of the Water Treatment Facility of the Plant Engineering Division. At the same time, the Fire/Rescue Group of the Emergency Services Division will be conducting water-flow testing.
- **HOW?** Fire hydrants and valves will be opened and closed systematically. The water will pick up enough speed to carry out deposits within the supply piping. Hydrants will be flushed until the water runs clean.
- **MORE INFORMATION?** Contact Cathy Ennis, Housing Office, Ext. 2917; or Bill Chaloupka, Plant Engineering Division, voice pager 0552.