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PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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CLOSURE OF WATER STREET AND ST. JOSEPH STREET

Beginning on Monday, June 29, 2009, Water Street will be closed between the entrance to South Beach and Maple Street. In addition, St. Joseph Street will be closed between Michigan Avenue and Water Street. These streets are being closed in order to provide safe site access for construction traffic which must access the new Water Filtration Plant site. No public parking will be available along the closed streets.

The detour route around these road closures is along Maple Street and Michigan Avenue or Erie Street. The detour route and beach access route will be posted for the duration of the road closures.

In addition to the street closures, a truck haul route is being established along Michigan Avenue between St. Joseph Street and Broadway Street. Trucks will be limited to a speed of 20 miles per hour along the haul route. Additional parking restrictions are being implemented along and near the haul route as follows:

- a) On the north side of Michigan Avenue, west of St. Joseph Street to the west end of Michigan Avenue: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- b) On the east side of St. Joseph Street between Erie Street and Michigan Avenue: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- c) On the south side of Michigan Avenue between St. Joseph Street and Maple Street: 7AM – 7PM, Monday through Friday.
- d) On both sides of Michigan Avenue between Center Street and Broadway Street: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Construction of the City of South Haven's new Water Filtration Plant started in August of 2008 with construction of a new electric switchgear building. Recently, crews have been completing the demolition of the foundation of the City's former Coal Fired Electricity Generating Plant which was decommissioned in 1965. It is anticipated that the construction of the new plant will be completed by September of 2011. Once operational, the plant will be capable of treating up 7 million gallons of raw Lake Michigan water per day and converting it into clean, high quality drinking water for use by our customers in the City of South Haven, Casco Township, South Haven Township, and Covert Township.

Any questions regarding the street closure, truck haul route, or water filtration plant construction may be directed to Larry Halberstadt, PE, City Engineer at 269-637-0770.