


MEMORANDUM

ACTION MEMO #17-14

TO: District Nutrition Services Directors

FROM: Angela Hammond-Damon, IBCLC 
Deputy Director, Operations and Nutrition Services
Georgia WIC Program

DATE: July 6, 2017

RE: **Infant Feeding Safety during the Boil-Water Advisory for City of Atlanta**

In light of the recent boil-water advisory for the City of Atlanta, the State WIC Office would like to remind everyone of the importance of infant feeding and safety under these circumstances.

Breastfeeding is the cleanest, safest food for babies, and we want to make sure that we are encouraging moms to continue breastfeeding, or even increase breastfeeding (as opposed to supplementing with formula) during this time. For moms that are using formula, per State WIC Policy, NS-210.18 (see attached), ready-to-feed formulas may be provided to participants when clean water is unavailable. Additionally, families should be reminded that bottles, nipples, and feeding utensils should be cleaned with sterile water until the advisory is lifted.

Boil-water advisories, when not associated with disasters, tend to be lifted pretty quickly. However, in our efforts to be proactive in providing the best possible services to our participants, for the affected areas (see attached), local agencies are to follow the action steps detailed below.

Action Steps:

- 1) Using the attached, Boil Water Advisory map, assess the participant's risk for being affected by the boil-water advisory
- 2) For breastfeeding moms, assess the need for additional breastfeeding resources and support
- 3) For formula fed infants, provide one month of ready-to-feed formula
- 4) Provide the remaining months of the issuance in standard powder formula
- 5) Accommodate food package changes when there is a legitimate concern for unsafe water
- 6) Educate participants on the recommendation to boil water for one minute past a rolling boil as instructed by the City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management (see attached)



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In regards to additional questions or concerns, please contact Denice Vance at 404-656-9868 or via email at denice.vance@dph.ga.gov and copy Todd Stormant via email at todd.stormant@dph.ga.gov.

Attachments: Policy No. NS-20.18 - Issuance of Ready-to-Feed Products
Boil Water Advisory Map - July 6, 2017
City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management - Press Release/July 6, 2017

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Issuance of Ready-to-Feed Products**Policy No. NS- 210.18**

Effective date: October 1, 2016

No. of Pages: 2

Policy

All infant formulas, exempt infant formulas, and WIC-eligible nutritionals must be issued in concentrated liquid or powder physical forms. Ready-to-feed forms may be authorized in special situations.

Purpose

To provide participants with the most cost-effective form of infant formula and nutritionals while ensuring that the option of the ready-to-feed product is accessible in situations where the powder or concentrated form is unavailable or inappropriate.

Procedures

- I. Issue ready-to-feed WIC-eligible nutritionals when the CPA or medical provider determines and documents any of the following:
 - A. The participant's household has an unsanitary or restricted water supply or poor refrigeration.
 - B. The person caring for the participant may have difficulty in correctly diluting concentrated or powder forms.
 - C. The formula is only available in a ready-to-feed form.
 - D. The issuance of nursettes is more appropriate than a larger, ready to feed alternative.
- II. Issue ready-to-feed formulas to participants with qualifying medical conditions, who are assigned to Food Package III, when the medical provider or CPA determines and documents any of the following:
 - A. The ready-to-feed form better accommodates the participant's medical condition.
 - B. The ready-to-feed form improves the participant's compliance in consuming the prescribed formula.

Authority

7 C.F.R. §§ 246.10(e)(1)(iv) and (e)(3)(iii).

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Definitions/Supporting Information

Competent Professional Authority (CPA) – An individual on the local agency staff who is authorized to determine nutritional risk and prescribe supplemental foods. The following individuals may be authorized and trained to serve as a CPA: physicians, nutritionists (bachelor's or master's degree in Nutritional Sciences, Community Nutrition, Clinical Nutrition, Dietetics, Public Health Nutrition), registered dietitians, licensed dietitians, registered nurses, and physician assistants (certified by the National Committee on certification of Physicians Assistants or certified by the State medical certifying authority), or State or local medically trained health officials.

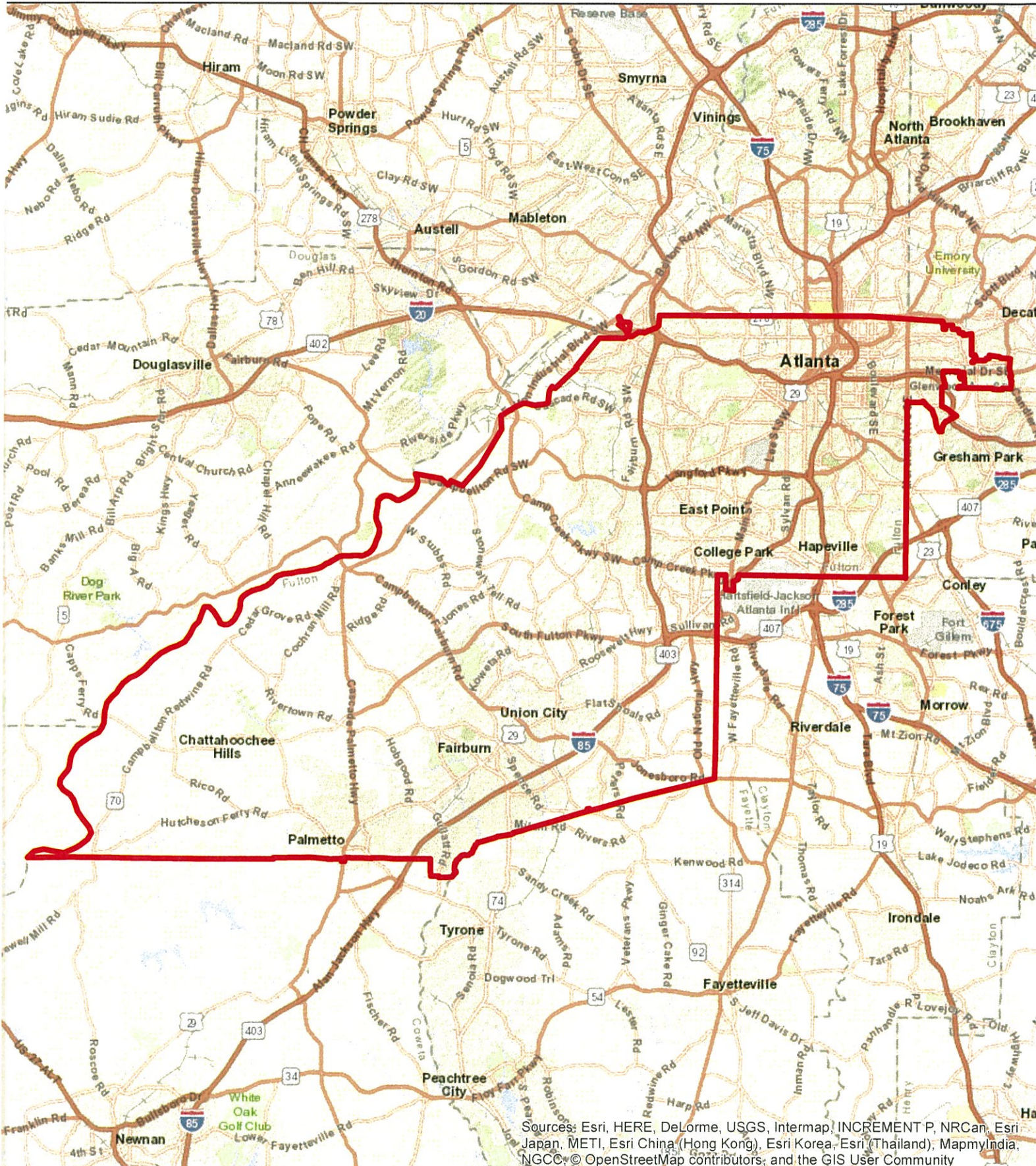
Exempt Infant Formula – An infant formula that is intended for commercial or charitable distribution that is represented and labeled for use by infants who have inborn errors of metabolism or low birth weight, or who otherwise have unusual medical or dietary problems (21 CFR 107.3).

Infant Formula - a food that meets the definition of an infant formula in section 201(z) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(z)) and that meets the requirements for an infant formula under section 412 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 350a) and the regulations at 21 CFR parts 106 and 107.

WIC-Eligible Nutritionals - enteral products that are specifically formulated to provide nutritional support for individuals with a qualifying condition, when the use of conventional foods is precluded, restricted, or inadequate. Such WIC-eligible nutritionals must serve the purpose of a food, meal or diet (may be nutritionally complete or incomplete) and provide a source of calories and one or more nutrients; be designed for enteral digestion via an oral or tube feeding; and may not be a conventional food, drug, flavoring, or enzyme. WIC-eligible nutritionals include many, but not all, products that meet the definition of medical food in Section 5(b)(3) of the Orphan Drug Act (21 U.S.C. 360ee(b)(3)).

Nursette – a small bottle (two to three ounces) of ready-to-feed infant formula typically used in hospitals for newborn infants.

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COORDINATE SYSTEM	NAD 1983 STATE PLANE GEORGIA WEST	COMMENTS
MAP UNITS	U.S. SURVEY FEET	
DATE	7/6/2017	
AUTHOR	DWM GIS	
TICKET #	Boil Water Advisory	
MAP SCALE	1:265,181	
	1 in = 22,098 ft	





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 6, 2017

DWM Issues a Boil-Water Advisory for City of Atlanta Residents and Businesses

ATLANTA - A power outage at the Hemphill High Service Pump Station triggered a temporary loss of pressure in portions of the drinking water system served by Hemphill Water Treatment Plant. The system was restored to normal operations within approximately 40 minutes. In an abundance of caution, a boil-water advisory is in effect for the following areas:

Streets in downtown Atlanta to the south including South Fulton County, East to Moreland Avenue and west of downtown may have experienced a loss of pressure. Affected areas include, but are not limited to Cabbagetown, Edgewood, Old Fourth Ward, West End, Peoplestown, Reynoldstown, Mechanicsville, Summerhill, Edgewood, Avon Avenue and South Fulton County.

Customers in these areas should boil water for 1 minute past a rolling boil before using it for cooking, drinking or brushing teeth. Infants, the elderly and those with immune deficiencies should be particularly careful. If you experienced a loss of water at your address but your address is not within the area described, you may want to follow these precautions.

The Department of Watershed Management will follow its flushing protocols for the system as a precaution and will sample the affected zones to affirm that there is no contamination in the system. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division will advise the Department of Watershed Management when the advisory can be lifted.

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