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**ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN TAKES ACTION TO ENSURE SAFE DRINKING WATER IN SAUK VILLAGE**

***Urges Residents to Obtain Water at Village Distribution Site***

**Chicago** — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today obtained a court order to ensure that Sauk Village residents will have immediate access to safe drinking water.

The order, entered today by Cook County Circuit Court Judge Michael Hyman, stipulates that Sauk Village make drinking water available to any customer of its public water supply who requests it during daily distribution hours at the Paesel Community Center, adjacent to the Sauk Village Police Department.

"I strongly advise residents to take full advantage of the opportunity to obtain clean drinking water," Attorney General Madigan said. "Clean water is absolutely necessary at any time but especially now with the extreme temperatures we're experiencing."

On Monday, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) notified Sauk Village officials that two wells in its public water supply system were approaching the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for vinyl chloride. In 2009, the village stopped using a third well due to the presence of vinyl chloride above the MCL.

Madigan said the court order requires Sauk Village to continue distributing drinking water to residents until further Order of the Court or agreement of the Village and Sate.

Also today, Madigan's office filed a Motion for Leave to File A Second Amended Complaint against Sauk Village after the IEPA referred the latest problems with the public water supply to her office for enforcement. It alleges that Sauk Village, as the owner and operator of a public water supply, has failed to provide safe water to its residents due to the ongoing vinyl chloride contamination in its water supply, which presents a substantial public health threat and endangerment to the environment. The case is set for status on July 27, 2012.

Assistant Attorney General Kathryn Pamerter is handling the case for Madigan's Environmental Bureau.

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