



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

February 2, 2026

To: Jerome D. Schad, Chair
Peggy A. LaGree, Vice Chair
Michele M. Iannello, Treasurer

From: Leonard F. Kowalski, PE, Executive Engineer *LFK*

Subject: Emergency Declaration
Additional Crews for Leak Repairs
PN 202600051

On January 25, 2026, Declaration of State of Emergency was issued to enable the Authority to utilize additional crews from contractors that are currently under contracts with ECWA to assist with leak repairs.

Due to the recent stretch of extreme cold weather, there has been a substantial increase in the number of leaks throughout ECWA distribution system. Because of the high frequency of leaks, ECWA crews and On Call Repair Contractor (Mark Cerrone, Inc.) were unable to provide enough manpower to adequately provide coverage for leaks.

This Declaration of the State of Emergency is reported to the Board of Commissioners according to ECWA Procurement Policy adopted and approved on April 29, 2024; amended, re-adopted and re-approved on April 17, 2025 (Article 10, Emergency Purchases).

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