

Staff Operations Item 5



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
HYMAX Couplings Purchase
Guenther PS 48-inch Main Leak Repairs
Contract BC-003, PN 202600221

On November 13, 2025, Declaration of State of Emergency was issued to enable the Authority to purchase 48-inch HYMAX couplings.

During the rehabilitation project on the 48-inch transmission main between Sturgeon Point WTP and the Guenther Pump Station, a leaking section of main was discovered. In order to make the repair, the damaged section was removed and replaced. During the replacement, the entire stock of 48-inch diameter HYMAX couplings was used. To make the immediate replacement of this crucial part possible, a declaration of emergency was necessary.

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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