



WASH Incident Report No.151

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HORLIVKA FILTER STATION STOPPED DUE TO LEAK IN PIPE CROSSING LoC

Voda Donbasa informed WASH Cluster that, starting this morning, Monday 15th October, the towns of Toretsk, Zalizne, and settlements Pivdenne and Sherbinovka stopped receiving water through the water main pipeline (d=900 mm) from Horlivka Filter station #2, which is located in Horlivka, Donetsk NGCA (Non-Government Controlled Area). Voda Donbasa decided to switch off pumps that previously sent drinking water to civilian communities at 13.30. The amount of treated water supplied from Horlivka Filter Station #2 to Toretsk and other settlements is normally 34,000 m³/day, but more recently this has been getting less and less.

The pipeline was damaged previously due to military actions, notably on 22nd November 2016 and since then leaks have increased steadily. In November 2016 Voda Donbasa received access to the area on the Line of Contact for repair works, after 5 days of water stoppages. In August 2017 additional work was completed, however weaknesses in the pipeline have increased recently, and additional damage has resulted in an unacceptably high level of leakage, which also contributes to localized flooding.

Horlivka Filter station #2 supplies water to 191,131 people, of whom 45,049 people (according to Voda Donbasa) are currently without water and therefore centralized heating will also not function.

A request for a Window of Silence has been sent regularly concerning this repair. Additional information will be submitted to JCCC tomorrow.

WASH Cluster is in touch with Voda Donbasa and will inform implementing partners regarding this issue, so they can react.

