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## **HOMELAND SECURITY POLICY**

On October 8, 2001 the President of the United States established the Department of Homeland Security. The Department of Homeland Security implemented the National Strategy for Homeland Security on October 8, 2002. Providing Homeland Security for potable water systems is a federally mandated requirement for Owner/Operators of public water systems as evidenced in Homeland Security Presidential Directive HSPD-7 on December 17, 2003. The City of Friendswood has accepted this responsibility to protect the potable water system that serves its customers.

The responsibility to maintain a secure site falls upon the Contractors working at or on water system improvements. Unfortunately this responsibility has not always been accepted and maintained by the City's Contractors.

The City is very serious about its responsibilities to protect the potable water system. Contractors that do not maintain secure sites, per instructions from the City, shall be subject to financial and civil legal action provided by the Contract and the Judicial System. Contractors that repeatedly fail to maintain a secure site may be locked out of the site until they comply with all the requirements of securing the site.

The City has the right to have security provisions implemented and to deduct said cost from the Contract as a last resort.

For the purpose of this document the meaning of secure is as follows: Reducing the vulnerability of critical infrastructure or key resources in order to deter, mitigate or neutralize terrorist attacks.

At a minimum the contractor shall enclose such areas with a fence and padlock so that access to such areas is not easily accomplished.

This certification confirms our obligation to comply with the above-named policies and we further acknowledge and agree that our failure to comply with the provisions thereof shall constitute a material breach of that certain Contract dated [INSERT MONTH] [INSERT DATE], [INSERT YEAR] by and between the aforementioned and the City of Friendswood, Texas.

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[CONTRACTOR CONTACT NAME]  
[INSERT CONTACT TITLE]

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Date

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