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Environment Department Offers Free Water Quality Testing

Rio Rancho, NM -- The New Mexico Environment Department is teaming up with Sandia National Laboratories to offer free water testing for residents of Sandoval County with private wells serving homes. Water Fair will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Star Heights Recreation Center at 800 Polaris Boulevard in Rio Rancho.

“Part of our mission is to ensure New Mexicans are drinking safe water,” Environment Secretary David Martin said. “This is a chance for private well owners to verify their water is safe, and it’s free of charge.”

From August 8th – 12th, Sandoval County residents should pick up free sample bottles at any number of locations. Location details are provided on the attached Water Fair flyer. The bottles will contain instructions on how to properly obtain a sample from a private well. Those samples can then be brought to the Star Heights Recreation Center on August 13. Limited analysis of the samples will be performed the same day, and results can either be picked up or mailed home.

Drinking water will be tested on site for the following parameters: Arsenic, Electrical Conductivity, Fluoride, Hardness, Iron, Nitrate, pH, Sulfate, and Turbidity.

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