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Environment Department Issues “Precautionary Boil Water Advisory” for Timberon Water & Sanitation District

Customers are urged to Boil Water Prior to Drinking

(Santa Fe, N.M.) –The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau issued a “precautionary boil water advisory” for the Timberon Water & Sanitation District.

NMED issued the precautionary advisory on January 10, 2012 after a series of events led to a water outage for approximately half of the water system in addition to insufficient pressure in the remaining areas of the drinking water system. The Timberon Water & Sanitation District is located approximately 30 miles east of Alamogordo in Otero County. NMED recommends that the Timberon Water & Sanitation District notify water consumers of the precautionary advisory. This advisory only applies to the drinking water at the Timberon Water & Sanitation District, and does not extend to any of the other surrounding water systems.

Consumers of water at the Timberon Water & Sanitation District are advised to seek an alternate source of drinking water, such as bottled water, or boil the water for five minutes before drinking, cooking, and dishwashing. This is a precautionary advisory only as no contamination has been detected in the drinking water system at this time.

The NMED Drinking Water Bureau will provide technical assistance to the water system and will continue to test the water until there is no further threat of contamination.

For more information, call NMED Communications Director Jim Winchester at (505) 827-0314 or Joseph Savage, Drinking Water Bureau District IV Manager, at (575) 437-7115 or (575) 973-0009.

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