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

(Santa Fe, NM) –The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau is lifting the “precautionary boil water advisory” for the Timberon Water & Sanitation District in Otero County.

NMED issued the 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 water system. **This advisory only applied to customers served by the Timberon Water & Sanitation District, and did not extend to any of the other surrounding water systems or communities.**

Consumers of water at the Timberon Water & Sanitation District were advised to seek an alternate source of drinking water such as bottled water, or boil the water for five minutes before drinking, cooking, dishwashing and bathing.

The NMED Drinking Water Bureau provided technical assistance to the water system and determined that adequate pressure and disinfection (chlorination) is provided at a level that mitigates the potential threat to public health. The Timberon Water & Sanitation District will maintain a regular monitoring schedule to ensure adequate levels of disinfection are maintained.

For more information, call NMED Communications Director Jim Winchester at (505) 827-0314 or Joe Savage, Drinking Water Bureau District 4 Compliance Manager, at (575) 437-7115.

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