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### **Environment Department Issues “Precautionary Boil Water Advisory” for Village of Questa**

*Customers are urged to Boil Water Prior to Drinking*

(Santa Fe, N.M.) –The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau has issued a “precautionary boil water advisory” for the Village of Questa.

NMED issued the precautionary advisory on March 16, 2012 following a major water outage as well as insufficient pressure within the drinking water system. The Village of Questa is located approximately 25 miles north of Taos in Taos County. NMED recommends that the Village of Questa notify water consumers of the precautionary advisory. This advisory only applies to drinking water for the Village of Questa and does not extend to any of the other surrounding water systems. The drinking water system serves a population of approximately 1,820 people.

The Village of Questa water consumers 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 the Village of Questa will test the water to ensure no contamination has occurred during the outage.

For more information, call NMED Communications Director Jim Winchester at (505) 827-0314 or Joe Martinez, Drinking Water System Specialist, at (575) 476 -8635.

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