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### **NMED And EMNRD To Offer Free Water Testing in Santa Fe County**

**Cerrillos/Madrid, NM --** The New Mexico Environment Department is teaming up with the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department to offer free water testing for residents of Santa Fe County with private wells serving homes *not* connected to a public water utility. Water testing will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Cerrillos Hills State Park Visitors Center, 37 Main Street, Cerrillos, NM.

#### How to Collect the Water Sample:

- Use a clean glass or plastic container (at least a quart).
- Do not use containers that have a strong odor, such as citrus or pickle jars.
- Collect the sample before any water treatment systems such as reverse osmosis, water softener, or carbon filter.
- Let the water run for a couple of minutes before collecting the sample.
- Collect the sample as close to the time of testing as possible.

If available, please provide well depth, depth to water, well casing material (i.e., steel, pvc) and distance from well to the nearest septic tank/leachfield system.

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

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