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NMED To Offer Free Water Testing in La Cienega

La Cienega, NM -- The New Mexico Environment Department is offering 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 Saturday, August 11, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the **La Cienega Community Center**, 50 Camino San Jose, La Cienega, 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.

For further information contact the NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau at: 505-222-9574.

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**WATER QUALITY TESTING
PROVIDED *FREE* OF CHARGE
BY THE
NEW MEXICO
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**



- WHO:** La Cienega and surrounding area residents of Santa Fe County
- WHAT:** Water Fair – water testing for residents with private wells serving homes *not* connected to a public water utility
- WHEN:** Saturday, August 11, 2012; 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** La Cienega Community Center, 50 Camino San Jose, La Cienega, NM

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 - 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.
 - Cover the container with a clean lid.
- 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.
 - Limited analysis will be performed the same day, and you can either pick up results or have them mailed to you.

Drinking water will be tested at the water fair for the following parameters:

Δ Electrical conductivity
Δ Iron

Δ Nitrate
Δ pH

Δ Fluoride

Δ Sulfate

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