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NMED to Offer Free Water Testing in Hobbs

Hobbs, NM -- The New Mexico Environment Department is offering free water testing for residents of Lea County with private wells serving homes *not* connected to a public water utility. Water testing will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bob Moran Hall Multi-Purpose Room, on the campus of the New Mexico Junior College, Hobbs, 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**



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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 for the following parameters:

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| △ Electrical conductivity | △ Nitrate |
| △ Iron | △ pH |
| △ Fluoride | △ Sulfate |

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