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Environment Department Issues “Boil Water Advisory” for Ideal Mobile Home Park Water System

Customers are urged to Boil Water Prior to Drinking

(Santa Fe, N.M.) –The New Mexico Environment Department’s Drinking Water Bureau issued a “boil water advisory” for the Ideal Mobile Home Park Water System.

NMED issued the advisory on November 28, 2012 after bacteriological contamination (*E. coli*) was detected and confirmed in drinking water samples from the system. NMED requires the Ideal Mobile Home Park Water System to notify water consumers of their water system of this finding. Ideal Mobile Home Park Water System serves approximately 55 residents located approximately 5 miles west of Clovis, NM in Curry County.

This advisory only applies to the drinking water from the Ideal Mobile Home Park Water System, and does not extend to any other surrounding water systems.

Consumers of the Ideal Mobile Home Park Water System are advised to boil the water for five minutes before drinking, cooking, dishwashing and bathing. The presence of *E. coli* in water indicates that the water may have been in contact with sewage or animal wastes, and could contain disease-causing organisms. Most strains of *E. coli* are harmless and live in the intestines of healthy humans and animals. However, a positive test for *E. coli* in the drinking water supply may indicate the presence of dangerous strains of *E. coli* or other disease-causing organisms. These types of organisms may cause severe gastrointestinal illness and, in rare cases, death. Children, the elderly and immuno-compromised individuals are at an increased risk for illness.

The NMED Drinking Water Bureau will provide technical assistance to the water system and Ideal Mobile Home Park Water System will continue to test the water until no further threat of contamination remains. For more information, call NMED Communications Director Jim Winchester at (505) 827-0314 or Joe Savage, Drinking Water Bureau Alamogordo Area Supervisor, at (575) 437-7115.

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