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### **Environment Department Issues “Precautionary Boil Water Advisory” for Vaughn Duran Water System & Encino Water System** *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 Vaughn Duran Water System and the Encino Water System.

The precautionary advisory was issued on November 11, 2013 following a major water outage and low water pressure in parts of their distribution system caused by numerous leaks.

The Vaughn Duran Water System is located in Guadalupe County and serves a population of 790 people. The Encino Water System is located in Torrance County and serves a population of 100 people. This advisory only applies to drinking water for the Vaughn Duran and Encino Water Systems and does not extend to any of the other surrounding water systems.

The Vaughn Duran and Encino Water System water consumers are advised to use water sparingly and 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 ensure that the water is tested to confirm no contamination has occurred during the event.

For more information, call NMED Communications Director Jim Winchester at 505-231-8800 or Stephanie Stringer, Drinking Water Bureau Chief, at 505-476-8620.