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Environment Department Confirms Lift of Precautionary “Boil Water Advisory” for City of Farmington

(Santa Fe, NM) –The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau has confirmed the City of Farmington has lifted the precautionary “Boil Water Advisory” for the entire City of Farmington.

The City of Farmington initially issued an advisory on September 14, 2014 after a malfunction occurred at the City’s Water Treatment Plant #2. As a result, the precautionary advisory was issued in the event a bacterial contamination occurred in the water system. All water test results related to the malfunction were negative for the presence of E. coli. The City of Farmington has since lifted the advisory.

NMED required the City of Farmington to notify water system consumers of this event, which they adequately completed.

During a precautionary Boil Water Advisory, consumers are advised to boil the water for five minutes before drinking, cooking, dishwashing and bathing. Unfiltered lake water always has the chance to contain E. coli if 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, if there is E. coli in the drinking water supply, it 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.

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