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**Environment Department Advises "BOIL WATER ORDER" for  
Vista De Manana Water System in Bernalillo County**

(Santa Fe, NM) — The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau has advised the Vista De Manana Water System in Bernalillo County to issue a "boil water order" for its water system.

The Vista De Manana, located in Bernalillo County, was put on a "boil water advisory" on March 4, 2006, due to bacteriological contamination that exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for E. coli. NMED requires that the Vista De Manana water system notify all consumers served by the water system of this finding.

Vista De Manana water system in Bernalillo County has been asked to boil water for five minutes before drinking, cooking and dishwashing.

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, which are sometimes found in sewage or animal wastes. These types of organisms may cause severe gastrointestinal illness and, in rare cases, even death. Children, the elderly, and immuno-compromised individuals are at an increased risk for illness.

Actions have been initiated to disinfect the water system and identify possible sources of contamination. In addition, the Drinking Water Bureau will continue to assist with troubleshooting to identify the source of the problem.

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