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Environment Department Issues “BOIL WATER ADVISORY” for Eldorado Water and Sanitation District

(Santa Fe, NM) — The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau has advised Eldorado Water and Sanitation District to issue a precautionary “boil water advisory” for its consumers due to a water main break that depleted the water supply. NMED, The County of Santa Fe, and the owner and operator of the Eldorado system are notifying all customers of this advisory.

Eldorado Water and Sanitation District serves approximately 8,000 customers in Santa Fe County. Consumers of the Eldorado Water and Sanitation District are advised to boil water for five minutes before drinking, cooking, and dishwashing. Eldorado Water and Sanitation District will be providing an alternative source of drinking water at several sites throughout the community. Consumers can contact the water system at (505) 466-2411 for information on where to obtain an alternative source of drinking water.

Water main breaks have the potential to allow bacterial contaminants to enter the water system. Microbiological contaminants in the water may cause disease. Possible symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and possibly jaundice, and associated headaches and fatigue.

Actions have been and will further be initiated to identify any possible source(s) of contamination, complete any mechanical repairs, if applicable, establish acceptable disinfection, and flush out the water system. In addition, the Drinking Water Bureau will coordinate with the water system to test the water throughout the system for bacterial contamination.

The New Mexico Department of Health has also been notified and will remain on alert for any health effects linked to this water quality issue. Consumers of the water system may call (505) 827-0006, if they have any water-related health concerns.

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