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**“BOIL WATER ADVISORY” Lifted in Village of Mosquero**

(Santa Fe, NM) – Yesterday the New Mexico Environment Department’s Drinking Water Bureau (NMED-DWB) and New Mexico Department of Health’s (NMDOH) Office of Epidemiology, advised the Village of Mosquero to rescind the boil water advisory for citizens served by the Village water system.

The Village was put on a boil water advisory on March 2, 2001 due to bacteriological contamination that exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for *E. coli*. 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. Customers of the Mosquero water system were asked to boil water for five minutes before drinking, cooking, and dishwashing.

Results from a total of 15 samples collected at various points in the water system showed no signs of *E. coli* bacteria. Furthermore, the NMDOH reported that no illnesses had been associated with this water quality issue. As a result, the Drinking Water Bureau (DWB), in collaboration with the Office of Epidemiology, determined that it was safe to lift the boil water advisory.

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The DWB will continue to monitor the Mosquero water system and provide technical assistance. Such assistance will help identify and eliminate possible sources of contamination to the system.

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