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NMED to Offer Free Water Testing in Fairacres on Aug. 12

(Santa Fe, NM) - The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau -- in cooperation with the Tejada Center at the New Mexico State University -- will offer free testing of water from private wells Saturday, Aug. 12 to residents of the Dona Ana County.

NMED will test the water for pH, conductivity, organic vapors, nitrate, sulfate, fluoride, and iron from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fairacres Elementary School, 4501 Picacho Ave., Las Cruces.

Residents should bring at least a quart of cold, fresh tap water in a clean, covered glass or plastic container, which did not contain milk, pickles juice or other substances with a strong odor. If possible, the water samples should not be treated with water softeners, reverse osmosis or activated carbon filter systems.

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