



Environment Department to Conduct Free Water Well Testing in Las Vegas, N.M. and San Miguel County on Saturday

WHAT: The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) will test private domestic well water. The testing area includes the City of Las Vegas and surrounding rural areas in San Miguel County. Tests will include analyses for sulfate, nitrate, iron, fluoride, and electrical conductivity.

WHEN: From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008

WHERE: At the City of Las Vegas Abe Montoya Recreation Center Gymnasium. The well water testing effort is part of a statewide assessment of groundwater quality.

WHY: The testing is free, and participation is voluntary. Water quality experts will provide residents with test results and be available to answer any questions.

To have your well water tested, please follow these steps: Collect a sample from the cold water tap of your kitchen sink. Collect at least one quart of water in a clean, covered, glass or plastic container such as a canning jar or water bottle. Old samples can give inaccurate results. Collect the sample on the same day of the water testing.

Water supplied by public drinking water systems will not be tested as those supplies are routinely analyzed pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. If your water supply comes from a public system, you should receive a Consumer Confidence Report each year from the system operator that summarizes test results. For additional information on public drinking water systems visit www.safewater.state.nm.us to review NMED's online database of public drinking water systems.

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