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**Environment Department Hosts Water Fair, Attends EPA Meeting Tomorrow in Grants to Answer Questions Concerning Private Wells in San Mateo Creek Basin**

*NMED Urges Residents to Test Water That May Contain Contaminants from Naturally-Occurring Ore and Processes from Past Uranium Mining*

**WHO:** The New Mexico Environment Department wants to ensure residents have the information they need regarding well water that may contain contaminants from naturally-occurring ore and processes from past uranium mining in the mill site in Cibola and McKinley counties. The department's Drinking Water Bureau will hold a water fair to test well water from private wells in the San Mateo Basin only (<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/OOTS/documents/PR-SanMateo-1-8-08--Final2.pdf>). Members of the Environment Department will attend a meeting hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to answer residents' questions concerning private well water in the Homestake Mill site.

**WHEN and WHERE:** NMED will hold a water fair from noon to 5 p.m. tomorrow, Jan. 21 at Cibola County Building, 515 High St., in Grants to test well water from private wells in the San Mateo Basin only.

The EPA meeting will be from 6 to 8 p.m. tomorrow, Jan. 21, at the same location.

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