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NMED Lifts "Boil Water Alert" for Hyde Park Estates Water Users Association in Santa Fe County

(Santa Fe, NM) – The New Mexico Environment Department's Drinking Water Bureau today advised the Hyde Park Estates Water Users Association to lift a "boil water order" for its water system.

The Hyde Park Estates Water Users, located in Santa Fe County, approximately 5 miles from Santa Fe, was put on "boil water order" Monday due to bacteriological contamination that exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level for E. coli in the system.

Actions to disinfect the water system and identify possible sources of contamination were promptly taken. These actions included shock chlorination and flushing of the entire water system. Consumers were advised to boil all water prior to ingestion.

Water samples collected since the shock chlorination and flushing have shown no Coliforms present in the water system. These clean results have allowed NMED's Drinking Water Bureau to advise the Hyde Park Estates Water Users to lift the "boil water order" for its water system.

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. However, a positive test for E. coli in the drinking water supply may indicate the presence of dangerous strains of E. coli or other disease-causing organisms, which are sometimes found in sewage or animal wastes. These types of organisms may cause severe gastrointestinal illness and, in rare cases, even death. Children, the elderly and immuno-compromised individuals are at an increased risk for illness.

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