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New Mexico Environment Department Offers Water Testing for Private Wells in Areas Affected by Recent Flooding In Lincoln County

(Santa Fe, NM)—The New Mexico Environment Department will offer free testing of private water wells in Lincoln County after recent flooding.

The department will conduct the tests tomorrow, Thursday, July 31 and Friday, August 1. The department is trained in gathering samples and all samples must be collected by NMED. Residents should not take samples of their water to Environment Department field offices or to Hondo Valley Public School Gymnasium.

Residents interested in having their wells sampled should call the Ruidoso Field Office at (575) 258-3272 to sign up.

“We are offering the tests to ensure residents have good quality drinking water,” said New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry. “We will continue to provide needed assistance related to programs the Environment Department oversees in the coming days.”

Staff members from the department, who will collect water samples from residents’ wells, will test those samples for bacteria and nitrates. The department must be able to gain access to the property where the water well is located to conduct sampling.

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