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**Environment Department lifts “Boil Water Order” for  
Glenrio Visitor Center Water System**

(Santa Fe, NM) –The New Mexico Environment Department’s Drinking Water Bureau advised the Glenrio Visitor Center in Quay County to lift a “boil water order” for its water system.

The system, located in Quay County on Interstate 40 near the Texas state line, was put on a “boil water advisory” June 26, 2008 due to bacteriological contamination that exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for E. coli.

Actions to disinfect the water system and identify possible sources of contamination were promptly taken. These actions included disinfecting and flushing of the entire water system, and installation of a continuous chlorination system. Bottled water was recommended for drinking.

Water samples collected since the installation of a continuous disinfection system have shown no Coliforms in the water system. These clean results have allowed NMED’s Drinking Water Bureau to advise the Glenrio Visitor Center 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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