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### **Environment Department Lifts “Boil Water Advisory” for Estancia Water System**

(Santa Fe, NM) –The New Mexico Environment Department’s Drinking Water Bureau is lifting a “boil water advisory” for the Estancia Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association Water System.

NMED issued the advisory on September 24, 2010 after bacteriological contamination that exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level for *E. coli* was discovered in the water system. NMED required the Estancia Water System to notify all water consumers of the finding.

Corrective actions were taken by the water system, including disinfecting the water system by increasing the level of chlorination and identifying possible sources of contamination. Consumers were advised to boil all water prior to ingestion.

Water samples collected since the corrective actions were taken have shown no *E. coli* present in the distribution system. These clean distribution sample results and the protective levels of chlorine in the drinking water system have allowed NMED’s Drinking Water Bureau to advise the Estancia Water System to lift the “boil water advisory” for the water system.

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