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Jose Guzman
El Camino Real International Heritage Center (WSS #005-28)
P.O. Box 175
Socorro, NM 87801

RE: BOIL WATER ADVISORY LIFTED

Dear Mr. Guzman,

The El Camino Real International Heritage Center water system was placed on a “Boil Water Advisory” on June 11, 2011 due to bacteriological contamination that exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for *E. coli*. The El Camino Real International Heritage Center was required to provide public notice of this violation and to advise all consumers served by the system to boil water for five minutes before drinking, cooking and dishwashing.

A total of four (4) microbiological samples collected on 2 consecutive days by the El Camino Real International Heritage Center on June 22nd and 23rd, 2011 respectively and submitted to Aqua Environmental Testing Laboratory showed no Total Coliform or *E. coli* bacteria in the water system. As a result of these findings, the New Mexico Environment Department-Drinking Water Bureau has determined that it is safe to lift the “Boil Water Advisory”.

Evidence suggests that the *E. coli* contamination *may* have been caused by an opened, unlocked storage tank hatch. Although this has not been confirmed, it is required that the El Camino Real International Heritage Center keep the storage tank hatch locked at all times.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (575) 258-3272 or john.pijawka@state.nm.us.

Respectfully,

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CC: Joe Savage – District IV DWB Manager (Electronic)