



**TESTING WELL WATER FOR
ARSENIC
PROVIDED *FREE* OF CHARGE**
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Mexico Environment Department



WHO: Surrounding area of La Union and Sunland Park, New Mexico

WHAT: Testing for arsenic for residents with private wells serving homes *not* connected to a public water utility

WHEN: Wednesday July 31, 2013 7:30 am-3:00 pm

WHERE: Johnny Lolita's Coffee Shop 3200 S. Highway 28 La Union, NM 88021

HOW:

Pick one of the three options:

- 1) Bring a sample to Johnny Lolita's coffee shop; follow the instructions provided below.* **OR**
- 2) Call 1-888-878-8992 and set an appointment for us to pick up a sample from your well; for sample collection, use the instructions provided below.* **OR**
- 3) Call 1-888-878-8992 and let us know you have filled out a form located at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/gwb/NMED-GWQB-WaterFairs.htm> or <https://nmtracking.org/water> and leave a sample at your front door/gate for us to pick up (for sample collection use the instructions provided below*).

**How to Collect the Water Sample:*

- Use a clean glass or plastic container (at least a quart).
- Do not use containers that have a strong odor, such as citrus or pickle jars.
- Collect the sample before any water treatment systems such as reverse osmosis, water softener, or carbon filter.
- Let the water run for a couple of minutes before collecting the sample.
- Collect the sample as close to the time of testing as possible. Sample must be tested within 24 hours.
- Cover the container with a clean lid.
- If available, please provide well depth, depth to water, well casing material (i.e., steel, pvc) and distance from well to the nearest septic tank/leachfield system.
- Limited analysis will be performed the same day, and you can either pick up results or have them mailed to you.

Drinking water will be field tested for arsenic.

For further information contact the NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau at: 505-222-9574.