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Environment Department confirms lifting of “boil water advisory” for Mountain Orchard MDWCA in Otero County

OTERO COUNTY — The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau is confirming the Mountain Orchard Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association (MDWCA) has met requirements to lift a “boil water advisory” that was issued on Sept. 25, 2019.

Mountain Orchard MDWCA was required to issue the advisory after bacteriological contamination (*E. coli*) was confirmed in drinking water in the system. The advisory only applied to users served by the Mountain Orchard MDWCA and did not extend to any of the other surrounding communities.

NMED’s Drinking Water Bureau provided compliance oversight and technical support to the Mountain Orchard MDWCA. Subsequent samples collected from Mountain Orchard MDWCA water were negative for bacteriological contamination. The Mountain Orchard MDWCA will be required to complete an assessment of their water system and maintain a regular monitoring schedule to test their distribution system for the presence of total coliform and *E. coli*.

For more information about New Mexico’s boil water advisories in English and Spanish, please visit: https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/boil-water-advisories/. For more information on today’s announcement, please call NMED’s Drinking Water Bureau Compliance Officer John Pijawka at 575-258-3272.

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