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## Environment Department confirms lifting of boil water advisory for Chama Water System in Rio Arriba County

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau confirms that the Chama Water System has met the requirements to lift the boil water advisory that was issued on April 22, 2020.

Chama Water System was required to issue the advisory after NMED issued a notice of violation to the system for failing to report water quality data from their treatment system. A precautionary boil advisory had also been issued by the water system and in place since April 10 due to intermittent water outages in the system. The advisory only applied to users served by the Chama Water System and did not extend to any of the other surrounding water systems or communities.

NMED provided compliance oversight and technical support to the Chama Water System throughout the duration of the boil advisory. The Chama Water System repaired the issues with their water treatment plant and subsequent sampling data indicates that the treatment plant is producing water that meets turbidity requirements.

The Drinking Water Bureau will continue to provide compliance oversight and assistance to the Chama Water System to ensure compliance with regulatory standards.

More information about boil water advisories in English and Spanish is available <u>here</u>. For more information on today's announcement, please call Tanya Trujillo of the NMED Drinking Water Bureau at 505-372-8273.

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