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The Environment Department's mission is to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for present and future generations.

Environment Department confirms boil water advisory lifted for Cochiti Elementary School Water System

Users are no longer urged to boil water before drinking

SANDOVAL COUNTY – The New Mexico Environment Department's Drinking Water Bureau confirms that the Cochiti Elementary School Water System has met the requirements to lift the boil water advisory that was issued on August 5, 2022.

Cochiti Elementary School Water System was required to issue the advisory after bacteriological contamination (*E. coli*) was confirmed in drinking water in the water system. The advisory only applied to users served by the Cochiti Elementary School Water System and did not extend to any of the other surrounding water systems or communities.

The Drinking Water Bureau provided compliance oversight to the Cochiti Elementary School Water System. Subsequent samples collected from the water system were negative for bacteriological contamination. The Cochiti Elementary School Water System completed a required assessment of the water system and must maintain a regular monitoring schedule to test the distribution system for the presence of total coliform and *E. coli*.

More information about New Mexico's boil water advisories in English and Spanish is available <u>here</u>. For more information about today's announcement, please call Wayne Jeffs of the Drinking Water Bureau at 505-469-7457.

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