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## **Environment Department confirms boil water advisory lifted for Lee Hammond Water System**

*427 users are no longer urged to boil water before drinking*

**SAN JUAN COUNTY** – The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau confirms that the Lee Hammond Water System has met the requirements to lift the boil water advisory that was issued on August 5, 2022.

Lee Hammond Water System was required to issue the advisory after bacteriological contamination (*E. coli*) was confirmed in drinking water at the water system. The advisory only applied to 427 users served by the Lee Hammond Water System east of US550 and south of the San Juan River and did not extend to any of the other parts of their water system or surrounding water systems and communities.

The Drinking Water Bureau provided compliance oversight to the Lee Hammond Water System throughout the advisory and subsequent samples collected from the water system were negative for bacteriological contamination. The Lee Hammond Water System has completed a required assessment of the water system and will be required to 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 [here](#). For more information about today's announcement, please call Wayne Jeffs of the Drinking Water Bureau at 505-469-7457.

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