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Environment Department confirms boil water advisory lifted for Fort Sumner Municipal Water System and Valley Mutal Domestic Water Consumers Association (MDWCA)

Users are no longer urged to boil water before drinking

DE BACA COUNTY – The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau confirms that the Fort Sumner Municipal Water System and Valley MDWCA water system have met the requirements to lift the boil water advisory issued on May 9, 2023.

Fort Sumner Municipal Water System and Valley MDWCA water system were required to issue the advisory after bacteriological contamination (*E. coli*) was confirmed in the MacMillian Well. The advisory only applied to users served by the Fort Sumner Municipal Water System and Valley MDWCA and did not extend to any surrounding water systems or communities.

The Drinking Water Bureau provided compliance oversight to the Fort Sumner Municipal Water System and Valley MDWCA water system. Fort Sumner Municipal Water System has provided the required documentation demonstrating that they physically disconnected the MacMillian Well from the drinking water system. The Fort Sumner Municipal Water System will complete a required assessment of the water system, and it must maintain a regular monitoring schedule to test 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 Compliance Supervisor Brandi Littleton of the Drinking Water Bureau at 575-323-4298.

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