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**Torrance County Water Testing Event Postponed as State Agencies Send
Technical Staff to Assist with Gold King Mine Spill Emergency**

Santa Fe - The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) will not be conducting testing of private well water at Torrance County Fair as originally announced. The free Domestic Well Water Testing Event scheduled for Thursday, August 13th must be rescheduled due to the coordinated response to the Gold King Mine release impacting the Animas and San Juan Rivers in northern New Mexico.

The Gold King Mine toxin release occurred on Wednesday, August 5th and water testing staff and equipment from the two departments are deployed in the Aztec and Farmington areas to test threatened or impacted water supplies in the region.

The free domestic well water testing program is an integral part of protecting the health of New Mexico citizens. NMED and NMDOH are committed to offering this service on a rotating basis to communities throughout the state. The Departments will coordinate with the East Torrance County Soil and Water Conservation District to reschedule the Estancia event as soon as possible and will announce the new date when it is available.

For more information, call the Environment Department at 505-827-1046.

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