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Environment Department Lifts “Precautionary boil water advisory” for Arroyo Del Agua MDWCA Water System in Rio Arriba County

(Santa Fe, NM) –The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau is lifting the “precautionary boil water advisory” for the Arroyo Del Agua MDWCA Water System located in in Rio Arriba County.

NMED issued the precautionary advisory on January 22, 2013 following a major water outage caused by leaking and frozen water. **The advisory only applied to customers served by the Arroyo Del Agua MDWCA Water System and did not extend to any of the other surrounding water systems or communities.**

As a precaution, Arroyo Del Agua MDWCA water system consumers were advised to seek an alternate source of drinking water, such as bottled water, or boil the water for five minutes before drinking, cooking and dishwashing. To ensure no bacteriological contamination occurred during the outage, the NMED Drinking Water Bureau required the water be tested before the advisory would be lifted. All sample results were negative for bacteriological contamination.

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