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Environment Department Lifts “Precautionary Boil Water Advisory” For Lumberton MDWCA in Rio Arriba County

(Santa Fe, NM) –The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau is lifting the “boil water advisory” for the Lumberton Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association (MDWCA) located approximately 20 miles north west of Chama, NM in Rio Arriba County. NMED issued the advisory on January 29, 2013 following a major water outage caused by a leaking and frozen water line. **The advisory only applied to customers served by the Lumberton MDWCA and did not extend to any of the other surrounding water systems or communities.**

The Lumberton MDWCA water 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. This was a precautionary advisory only as no contamination was detected in the drinking water system.

The NMED Drinking Water Bureau provided technical assistance to the water system and the Lumberton MDWCA conducted sampling to ensure that the water was free of bacteriological contamination.

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