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“Precautionary Boil Water Advisory” Issued for the Village of Magdalena *Customers are urged to Boil Water Prior to Drinking*

(Santa Fe, N.M.) –The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau has issued a “precautionary boil water advisory” for the Village of Magdalena water system.

The precautionary advisory was issued on June 5, 2013 following a major water outage and low water pressure in parts of their distribution system caused by their well going dry. The Village of Magdalena water system is located approximately 20 miles west of Socorro, NM in Socorro County. The Village of Magdalena water system is working to notify water consumers of the precautionary advisory. This advisory only applies to drinking water for the Village of Magdalena water system and does not extend to any of the other surrounding water systems. The drinking water system serves a population of approximately 900 people.

The Village of Magdalena water consumers are advised to use water sparingly and seek an alternate source of drinking water, such as bottled water, or boil the water for five minutes before drinking, cooking and dishwashing. This is a precautionary advisory only, as no contamination has been detected in the drinking water system at this time.

The NMED Drinking Water Bureau will provide technical assistance to the water system and require the Village of Magdalena water system to test the water to ensure no contamination has occurred during the event.

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