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UPDATED "Precautionary Boil Water Advisory" Issued for the Eldorado Area Water & Sanitation District Customers are urged to Boil Water Prior to Drinking

(Santa Fe, N.M.) – The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau (DWB) has issued an updated "precautionary boil water advisory" for the Eldorado Area Water & Sanitation District (EAWSD) water system affecting customers east of Highway 285 between Vaquero Road and Camino Acote, including the Ridges. The EAWSD is located approximately 10 miles south of Santa Fe, NM. The outage was caused by a broken water main near the Vet Clinic. This update supersedes the previous advisory issued June 13, 2013 for all EAWSD water users.

Water service was restored to the affected areas east of Highway 285 between Vaquero Road and Camino Acote, including the Ridges, at approximately 6:30 p.m. last night, June 13th. Water lines at the site have been flushed and samples have been sent out for testing. The results of the sampling will determine when the precautionary boil water advisory can be lifted.

The affected Eldorado Area Water & Sanitation District water consumers are advised to use water sparingly and seek an alternate source of drinking water, such as bottled water, or boil water from the system 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 offer technical assistance to the water system until this situation is resolved.

For more information, call NMED Communications Director Jim Winchester at (505) 827-0314 or Danielle Shuryn, DWB Source Water Infrastructure Group Manager, at 505-476-8631.

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