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Environment Department Issues "Precautionary Boil Water Advisory" for the community of San Juan MDWCA
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 San Juan Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association (MDWCA).

NMED issued the precautionary advisory on June 27, 2013 following a series of water line breaks within their distribution system. These breaks are not believed to have anything to do with recent wildfires in the area. The San Juan MDWCA water system is located along Interstate 25 approximately 5 miles east of Pecos, NM in San Miguel County. NMED recommends that the San Juan MDWCA water system notify water consumers of the precautionary advisory. This advisory only applies to drinking water for the San Juan MDWCA water system and does not extend to any of the other surrounding water systems. The drinking water system serves a population of approximately 150 people.

The San Juan MDWCA 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 San Juan MDWCA water system to test the water to ensure no contamination has occurred during the repair procedures.

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