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Environment Department Announces La Familia Medical Center Completes New Connection To Water System

(Santa Fe, N.M.) – The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is pleased to announce the successful connection of La Familia Medical Center to a new, clean water system. As a result of this action, NMED is discontinuing the Administrative Order issued to the La Familia Medical Center last Spring for violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

La Familia Medical Center is a Non Transient Non Community Public Water System located in Santa Fe County serving a population of 144 employees and patients.

NMED Drinking Water Bureau issued Administrative Order No. 2014-ACO-01, to La Familia Medical Center on March 17, 2014 due to exceedance of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Total Nitrate and Nitrite (10 mg/L). The Administrative Order required that they address the issues and return to compliance by October 31, 2014. La Familia discontinued the use of the facility's existing well and interconnected to the Caja del Oro Road Public Water System (formerly known as Agua Fria Fire Station water system). The Drinking Water Bureau has determined that La Familia Medical Center water system has fully complied with the terms and conditions of the Order.

The NMED Drinking Water Bureau will continue to work with the La Familia Medical Center to ensure that they provide drinking water that meets or exceeds the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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