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New Mexico Environment Department Announces Free Water Testing Event *TOMORROW* in Ohkay Owingeh

Rio Arriba County, NM -- The New Mexico Environment Department, New Mexico Department of Health and the Ohkay Owingeh Wellness Center will offer free water testing for residents of Ohkay Owingeh, San Juan Pueblo, Española, Alcalde and surrounding communities of Rio Arriba County with private wells serving homes *not* connected to a public water utility. Water testing will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ohkay Casino/Convention Center, Highway 68, 1 mile north of Española, NM, 87566.

How to Collect the Water Sample:

- Use a clean glass or plastic container that does not have a strong odor (at least a liter).
- Collect the sample before any water treatment/filters such as R.O. or water softener.
- Let the water run a couple of minutes before collecting and collect the sample as close to the time of testing as possible.

If available, please provide well depth, depth to water, well casing material and distance from well to the nearest septic tank/leachfield system.

Drinking water will be tested on site for the following parameters: Arsenic, Electrical Conductivity, Fluoride, Iron, Manganese, Nitrate, pH and Sulfate.

For further information contact: 505-222-9574.

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