



SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR

Ryan Flynn, *Cabinet Secretary-Designate*

Butch Tongate, *Deputy Secretary*

NEWS RELEASE

November 21, 2013

Contact: Jim Winchester
Communications Director
New Mexico Environment Department
(505)231-8800 / jim.winchester@state.nm.us

Environment Department Lifts “Precautionary Boil Water Advisory” For Vaughn Duran Water System & Encino Water System

(Santa Fe, NM) –The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau is lifting the “precautionary boil water advisory” for the Vaughn Duran Water System and the Encino Water System.

The precautionary advisory was issued on November 11, 2013 following a major water outage and low water pressure in parts of the distribution system caused by numerous leaks.

The Vaughn Duran Water System is located in Guadalupe County and serves a population of 790 people. The Encino Water System is located in Torrance County and serves a population of 100 people. This advisory only applied to drinking water for the Vaughn Duran and Encino Water Systems and did not extend to any of the other surrounding water systems.

The Vaughn Duran and Encino Water System consumers were 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 was a precautionary advisory only, as no contamination had been detected in the drinking water system.

The NMED Drinking Water Bureau provided technical assistance to the water systems and conducted special monitoring which confirmed no bacteriological contamination was detected. The Vaughn Duran & Encino Water Systems will maintain regular monitoring schedules and continue to test the distribution system for the presence of bacteriological contamination.

For more information, call NMED Communications Director Jim Winchester at (505) 231-8800 or Ray Melendrez, Drinking Water Bureau Area Supervisor, Las Cruces Office at (575) 647-7955.