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NMED confirms boil water advisory lifted for Lower Valley Water Users Association and Upper La Plata Water Users Association Users are no longer urged to boil water before drinking

SAN JUAN COUNTY – The New Mexico Environment Department confirms the Lower Valley Water Users Association and the Upper La Plata Water Users Association in San Juan County have met the requirements to lift the boil water advisory issued on Oct. 16.

Lower Valley WUA and Upper La Plata WUA were required to issue the advisory after bacteriological contamination, including *E. coli*, was detected in repeat drinking water samples collected from the water system's distribution system. The advisory only applied to users served by Lower Valley WUA and Upper La Plata WUA and did not extend to any of the other surrounding water systems or communities.

NMED provided compliance oversight to Lower Valley WUA and Upper La Plata WUA. Subsequent samples collected from the water systems were negative for bacteriological contamination. The Department will require Lower Valley WUA to complete an assessment of the water system and maintain a regular monitoring schedule to test the distribution system for the presence of total coliform and *E. coli*.

For more facts about New Mexico's boil water advisories in English and Spanish please visit: https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/boil-water-advisories/ and for more information on today's announcement please call NMED's WPCEB Compliance Supervisor, Brandi Littleton, at (575) 323-4298.

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