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Environment Department Issues “Boil Water Advisory” for Agua Pura Water Association

(Santa Fe, NM) – The New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau ordered the Agua Pura Water Association near Mora to issue a boil water advisory for its consumers this week.

The Agua Pura Water Association serves about 500 customers, which is twelve miles Northwest of Mora. NMED issued the order Monday after (Aug. 28) after bacteriological contamination in the water exceeded The Maximum Contamination Level (MCL) for E. Coli. NMED requires that the association notify its customers of the finding.

Consumers of water from the association are advised to boil water for five minutes before drinking, cooking, and dishwashing.

The presence of E. coli in water indicates it may have been in contact with sewage and/or animal wastes and could contain disease-causing organisms. Most strains of E. coli are harmless and live in the intestines of healthy humans and animals. However, a positive test for E. coli in drinking water may indicate the presence of dangerous strains of E. coli or other disease-causing organisms, which are sometimes found in sewage or animal wastes. These types of organisms may cause severe gastrointestinal illness and, in rare cases, even death. Children, the elderly, and immuno-compromised individuals are at an increased risk for illness.

The New Mexico Department of Health has also been notified and will remain on alert for any health effects linked to this water quality issue. Consumers of the water system may call (505) 827-0006, if they have any water-related health concerns.

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