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*The Environment Department's mission is to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for present and future generations.*

## **Environment Department confirms boil water advisory lifted for Rutherford Mutual Water Association in Rio Arriba County**

*Users are no longer urged to boil water before drinking*

**RIO ARRIBA COUNTY** – The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau confirms that the Rutherford Mutual Water Association has met the requirements to lift the boil water advisory that was issued on May 1, 2019.

Rutherford Mutual Water Association was required to issue the advisory after the turbidity standards were exceeded due to water system filtration system failure. The advisory only applied to users served by the Rutherford Mutual Water Association and did not extend to any of the other surrounding water systems or communities.

The Drinking Water Bureau provided technical assistance to the Rutherford Mutual Water Association and the water system has installed a new treatment system to address the elevated turbidity levels that caused the boil advisory to be issued. Subsequent samples collected from the water system were negative for bacteriological contamination and turbidity levels are within compliance standards.

More information about New Mexico's boil water advisories in English and Spanish is available [here](#). For more information about today's announcement, please call Joe Savage of the Drinking Water Bureau at 575-437-7115.

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