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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 required for the Village of Cimarron in Colfax County

VILLAGE OF CIMARRON — The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau confirms a boil water advisory is required for the Village of Cimarron water system in Colfax County.

The Cimarron water system was required to issue the advisory on September 21 after NMED issued a notice of violation to the system for turbidity levels exceeding the maximum allowed for treated surface water. New Mexico drinking water regulations require the system to notify its consumers of the violation and boil advisory as soon as practical but no later than 24 hours after the system is notified of the violation.

The Cimarron water system is a community public water system that serves approximately 970 people. This advisory applies only to the drinking water from the Cimarron water system and does not extend to any other surrounding water systems. This advisory is not related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cimarron water system users are advised to boil water for three minutes before:

- Drinking
- Making coffee, tea and other drinks
- Cooking
- Washing fruits and vegetables
- Using the water to feed a baby
- Brushing teeth
- Making ice
- Providing drinking water for pets

Turbidity – the presence of sediment and other particulates in water – can interfere with disinfection and result in microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms, including bacteria, viruses, and parasites.

The NMED Drinking Water Bureau is providing compliance oversight and technical assistance to the water system and requiring the water system to continue to test the water until no further threat of contamination remains.

More information about boil water advisories in English and Spanish is available [here](#). For more information on today's announcement, contact Joe Savage, NMED Drinking Water Bureau Surface Water Rule Administrator, at 575-973-0009.

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