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NEWS RELEASE*For Immediate Release***October 2, 2020****Contact:** Maddy Hayden, Communications Director
New Mexico Environment Department
505.231.8800 | maddy.hayden@state.nm.us*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 issues a precautionary advisory on behalf of the Loma Escondida Water Association**

VALENCIA COUNTY — The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau (DWB) has issued a precautionary advisory on behalf of the Loma Escondida Water Association in Valencia County. The precautionary advisory is being issued due to a recent water outage at the water system.

Although microbiological contamination has not been confirmed in the water system, extreme low pressure or no pressure occurrences such as those experienced during a water outage may increase the likelihood of microbiological contamination within the distribution system. Customers of Loma Escondida Water Association are encouraged to use bottled water for all drinking (including baby formula and juice), brushing teeth, washing dishes, making ice, and food preparation.

The Loma Escondida Water Association water system is a community public water system that serves approximately 89 users. This advisory applies only to the drinking water from the Loma Escondida Water Association and does not extend to any other surrounding water systems. This advisory is not related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NMED will notify the community when the bottled water advisory is lifted.

For more information on today's announcement, please call the Drinking Water Bureau's Southern Compliance Supervisor Brandi Littleton at 575-323-4298.

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