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## **Environment Department confirms boil water advisory lifted for Lovington Municipal Water Supply in Lea County**

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

**LOVINGTON** – The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau confirms that the Lovington Municipal Water Supply has met the requirements to lift the boil water advisory that was issued on Jan. 24, 2021, and users no longer need to boil their water before use.

Lovington Municipal Water Supply was required to issue the advisory after bacteriological contamination (*E. coli*) was confirmed in drinking water at the water system. The advisory only applied to users served by the Lovington Municipal Water Supply and did not extend to any of the other surrounding water systems or communities.

The Drinking Water Bureau provided compliance oversight to the Lovington Municipal Water Supply. Subsequent samples collected from the water system were negative for bacteriological contamination. The Drinking Water Bureau will require Lovington Municipal Water Supply 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*.

More information about New Mexico's boil water advisories in English and Spanish is available [here](#). For more information about today's announcement, please contact Brandi Littleton, Compliance Supervisor of the Drinking Water Bureau, at 575-323-4298.

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