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Environment Department confirms boil water advisory required for Lee Hammond Water east of US 550, south of the San Juan River

427 users are urged to Boil Water Prior to Drinking

SAN JUAN COUNTY – The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau is confirming that a "boil water advisory" is required for the Lee Hammond Water System in San Juan County.

Lee Hammond Water System was required to issue the advisory on August 4, 2022 after bacteriological contamination (*E. coli*) was confirmed in drinking water in the water system. The advisory only applies to the 427 users served by the Lee Hammond Water System east of US550, South of the San Juan River and did not extend to any of the other surrounding water systems or communities. New Mexico Drinking Water Regulations require Lee Hammond Water to notify their water system consumers of this finding as soon as practical but no later than 24 hours after the system is notified of the confirmation of the violation.

Lee Hammond Water System is a community public water system that serves approximately 8,817 users, 427 of which are affected by this advisory. This advisory applies only to the drinking water from the Lee Hammond Water located East of US550 and South of the San Juan River and **does not** extend to any other surrounding water systems.

The Lee Hammond Water System users impacted by this advisory are advised to boil water for three minutes before:

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

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 Wayne Jeffs of the Drinking Water Bureau at 505-469-7457.

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