

PUBLIC NOTICE
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Monitoring Requirements Not Met for the
Quemado Lake Water Association

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what we are doing to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the 2025 monitoring period we did not monitor or did not complete all monitoring requirements for lead and copper in tap water and, therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

What should you do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

What happened? What is being done?

QLWA has performed two Rounds (10 samples each) of testing for Lead and Copper. There were No levels of Lead or Copper fell outside the acceptable Maximum Contaminant Limit.

For more information, please contact:

Agatha King at 575-773-4976 or at
Quemado Lake Water Association, NM3580202
HC 60 Box 201
Quemado, NM 87829

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.



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Notification provided via E-mail

January 26, 2026

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Quemado, NM 87829

RE: Notice of Violation – Monitoring Requirements for Lead and Copper in Tap Water

Dear Agatha King:

This letter serves as a Notice of Violation that Quemado Lake Water Association did not complete the monitoring requirements for lead and copper in tap water during the 2025 monitoring period.

The monitoring requirements for lead and copper in tap water are defined in the New Mexico Drinking Water Regulations, 20.7.10.100 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) [incorporating 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 141.86].

Based on your failure to complete the lead and copper monitoring requirements, Quemado Lake Water Association is required to notify customers of the violation pursuant to 20.7.10.100 NMAC [incorporating 40 CFR Section 141.204]. Public notice must be provided by mail or other direct delivery to customers and others who drink the water within one (1) year from the date on this letter. In addition, public notice must be provided by any other method reasonably expected to reach consumers of the water system, i.e., publication in a local newspaper or posting in conspicuous locations.

Pursuant to 20.7.10.100 NMAC [incorporating 40 CFR Section 141.31(d)], the Quemado Lake Water Association water system must certify that the notice was published and specify the method of delivery by submitting a complete copy of the enclosed Public Notification Certification Form within 10 days of completing the public notification requirements. A representative copy of each type of notice distributed, published, posted and made available to the people served by the system must be included with the certification form.

Please fill out and return the enclosed Public Notice Certification Form to DWB Lead & Copper Rule Administrator by email at lcr.manager@env.nm.gov

Failure to comply with the public notice requirements will result in an additional violation issued to Quemado Lake Water Association. Continued failure to comply with Public Notification Requirements, as defined in 20.7.10.100 NMAC [incorporating 40 CFR Sections 141.204 and 141.31(d)] will result in escalated enforcement actions including issuance of Administrative Orders with possible penalties assessed against Quemado Lake Water Association.

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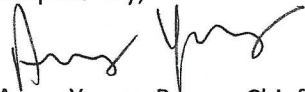
New Mexico Environment Department-Water Protection Compliance & Enforcement Bureau (NMED-WPCEB) reserves the right to take additional enforcement action regarding the violations identified in this NOV, to include the issuance of an Administrative Compliance Order compelling compliance and issuing civil penalties.

Pursuant to the NMED Delegation Order dated June 23, 2025, the Cabinet Secretary has delegated the authority to issue Notice of Violations to Compliance & Enforcement Division Bureau Chief Avery Young.

Please note that your facility will appear on the Department's Enforcement Watch as a result of this NOV (see: <https://www.env.nm.gov/enforcement-watch/>). Further, the Department will issue a press release to local media highlighting your public water system as appearing on this webpage. Your public water system will remain on the Enforcement Watch website as an active matter until this matter is fully resolved.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Thomas Shiparski at 505-372-8166 or by e-mail at lcr.manager@env.nm.gov

Respectfully,



Avery Young, Bureau Chief
Water Protection Compliance & Enforcement Bureau
Compliance & Enforcement Division

Enclosures: Public Notice Template
 Public Notice Certification Form

xc: Brandi Littleton, Compliance Supervisor (electronic)
Electronic Central File

Public Notice Instructions for Monitoring Violations

If you are required to provide Tier 3 notification, you must provide public notice to persons served within one year after you learn of the violation 20.7.10.100 NMAC [incorporating 40 CFR 141.204(b)]. Multiple monitoring violations can be serious, and the NMED-DWB may have more stringent requirements. Check with the NMED-DWB to make sure you meet its requirements.

Community systems must use one of the following 20.7.10.100 NMAC [incorporating 40 CFR 141.204(c)]:

- Hand or direct delivery
- Mail, as a separate notice or included with the bill

Noncommunity systems must use one of the following 20.7.10.100 NMAC [incorporating 40 CFR 141.204(c)]:

- Posting in conspicuous locations
- Hand delivery
- Mail

In addition, both community and noncommunity systems must use another method reasonably calculated to reach others if they would not be reached by the first method 20.7.10.100 NMAC [incorporating 40 CFR 141.204(c)]. Such methods could include newspapers, e-mail, or delivery to community organizations. If you post the notice, it must remain posted until the violation is resolved. If the violation has already been resolved, you must post the notice for at least seven days 20.7.10.100 NMAC [incorporating 40 CFR 141.204(b)]. If you mail, post, or hand deliver, print your notice on your system's letterhead, if available.

The notice on the following page is appropriate for insertion in an annual notice or the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), as long as public notification timing and delivery requirements are met 20.7.10.100 NMAC [incorporating 40 CFR 141.204(d)]. You may need to modify the template for a notice for individual monitoring violations. This example presents violations in a table; however, you may write out an explanation for each violation if you wish. For any monitoring violation for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) or other groups, you may list the group name in the table, but you must provide the name of every chemical in the group on the notice, e.g., in a footnote.

You may need to modify the notice if you had any monitoring violations for which monitoring later showed a maximum contaminant level or other violation. In such cases, you should refer to the public notice you issued at that time. If you do modify the notice, you must still include all required PN elements from 40 CFR 141.205(a) and leave the mandatory language unchanged (see below).

Mandatory Language

Mandatory language for monitoring and testing procedure violations 20.7.10.100 NMAC [incorporating 40 CFR 141.205(d)] must be included as written (with blanks filled in) and is presented in this notice in italics and with an asterisk on either end.

You must also include standard language to encourage the distribution of the public notice to all persons served, where applicable 20.7.10.100 NMAC [incorporating 40 CFR 141.205(d)]. This language is also presented in this notice in italics and with an asterisk on either end.

Corrective Action

In your notice, describe corrective actions you took, or are taking. Listed below are some steps commonly taken by water systems with monitoring violations. You can use the following language, if appropriate, or develop your own:

- We have since taken the required samples, as described in the last column of the table above. The samples showed we are meeting drinking water standards.
- We have since taken the required samples, as described in the last column of the table above. The sample for [contaminant] exceeded the limit. [Describe corrective action; use information from public notice prepared for violating the limit.]
- We plan to take the required samples soon, as described in the last column of the table above.

After Issuing the Notice

Make sure to send the NMED DWB a copy of each type of notice and a certification that you have met all the public notice requirements within ten days after issuing the notice 20.7.10.100 NMAC [incorporating 40 CFR 141.31(d)].