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**PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Public Meetings and Safety Updates**

*Aztec, NM* – An incident information group from the San Juan County CEO's Office along with representatives from the City of Farmington and New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ryan Flynn, briefed Navajo Nation Speaker, Lorenzo Bates and Tribal Delegates on the Animas River Contamination Event. The team pledged continued assistance and a joint working relationship to mitigate the incident.

The U.S. Environmental Agency has deployed an Incident Command Center to the area and representatives are conducting testing along the Animas River. During the Public Information Meeting held at Farmington Civic Center at 6:00pm, panel members from the EPA, NM Environmental Department, NM Division of Livestock, and NMSU Agricultural Extension Agency, answered written questions from members of the community. The Red Cross handed out bottled water, donated by Pepsi and Costco to those in need.

Public Meetings are planned for each night this week, at the Farmington Civic Center, 6:00pm. Information updates will be given by each of the agencies in attendance to community members.

Residents may think the danger has passed as the river water returns to its normal color. Please use caution and avoid contact with the Animas River Water until test results show it is safe.

Please do not try and flush your water well. By flushing the existing water out of the well you may cause the contaminated water to draw in.

Potable water stations for DRINKING WATER ONLY have been set up for residents at the following locations:

#### In Bloomfield:

Bloomfield Fire Station – 911 N First St.

Sunday 9:00am – 9:00pm

Monday 8/10/15 - Friday 8/14/15 9:00am – 9:00pm

In Farmington:

Farmington Fire Station #6 – 3101 West Main St.  
Sycamore Park Community Center – 1051 Sycamore St.

Monday 8/10/15 – Friday 8/14/15 8:00am - 8:00pm

In the County:

Center Point Fire Station # 1 – 16 Road 2755  
Flora Vista Fire Station #1 – 2 Road 3275  
Valley Fire Station #4 – 4 Road 6200

Stations will be open:

Monday 8/10/15 – Friday 8/14/15 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Bring your own drinking water containers. No large tanks.

LIVESTOCK AND RV WATER STATIONS

Aztec-less than 100 gallons please

Aztec RV Fill Station – 201 W. Chaco – next to City Hall and the police station

Open all day

San Juan County Livestock – East of the Hogback – Livestock Evacuations/Emergency Water Delivery

New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service – 505-334-9496

Navajo Nation – West of the Hogback – Livestock Evacuations/Emergency Water Delivery

Navajo Nation Livestock – 505-368-1037 or 928-871-7891

As more information becomes available, updates will be sent out via media releases and on Facebook at the following locations:

San Juan County Office of Emergency Management ([www.sjcoem.com](http://www.sjcoem.com) and [www.facebook.com/sanjuancountyofficeofemergencymanagement](http://www.facebook.com/sanjuancountyofficeofemergencymanagement))

San Juan County Government ([www.sjcounty.net](http://www.sjcounty.net) and facebook – San Juan County, New Mexico. Government)

City of Farmington ([www.fmtn.org](http://www.fmtn.org) and [www.facebook.com/cityoffarmingtonnm](http://www.facebook.com/cityoffarmingtonnm))

Farmington Fire Department ([www.facebook.com/Farmingtonfire](http://www.facebook.com/Farmingtonfire))

Farmington Police Department ([www.facebook.com/farmingtonpolicedepartmentnm](http://www.facebook.com/farmingtonpolicedepartmentnm))

City of Aztec Municipal Government Offices ([www.aztecnm.gov](http://www.aztecnm.gov) and facebook – City of Aztec Municipal Government Offices)

NMSU Cooperative Extension Service 505-334-9496

NMED web site [www.nmedriverwatersafety.org](http://www.nmedriverwatersafety.org)

US EPA web site [http://epaossc.org/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=11082](http://epaossc.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=11082)

Information is also available on the La Plata County website at <http://www.co.laplata.co.us/emergency>, San Juan Basin Health Department's Website at [www.sjbhd.org](http://www.sjbhd.org), La Plata County Government Facebook and San Juan Basin Health Department Facebook.

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