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Public Information Meetings and Updates

Aztec, NM – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Gina McCarthy attended a Combined Agency Emergency Operations Center briefing today. She voiced her support for the San Juan County Area and the EPA's dedication to making sure that those affected by the contamination spill are taken care of.

Testing on water wells continues to be available through Saturday at noon, at the East entrance to McGee Park at the Lee Acres Sheriff's Sub Station, 21 RD 5500. The New Mexico State Engineers Office in partnership with the New Mexico State University Agricultural Extension Office have surveyed local ditches and found several areas of contamination. Soil samples were sent by courier for testing today. Results will assist in the determination of the extent of possible contamination and how it will be removed.

Efforts continue to provide water for Market Vegetable Crops and livestock. Contact the NMSU Extension Office at 505-334-9496.

The Red Cross continues to take donations and volunteers. Contact the San Juan Red Cross Office at 505-325-9605 and choose the disaster assistance option.

The Public Meeting planned for Friday night this week, at the Farmington Civic Center, 6:00pm will be in Room 4 & 5.

Information updates will be given by Federal, State, and Local officials on the Animas Contamination Event. Videos of each night's meeting are available at www.sjcoem.com, www.nmedriverwatersafety.org, and www.sjscsi.org.

The New Mexico Department of Health has made the on call Epidemiologist available for those who are concerned that they may have ingested contaminated water. The phone number for the 24/7 contact is 505-827-0006. The New Mexico Poison Control hot line is 800-222-1222.

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

Aztec:

less than 100 gallons please

Aztec RV Fill Station - 201 W. Chaco - next to City Hall and the police station
Open all day

In Bloomfield:

Bloomfield Fire Station - 911 N First St.

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

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

NAPI Non-Potable Water Fill Station

A map of the location can be found at www.navajopride.com

Jeremy Simpson 505-427-1843

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 and www.facebook.com/sanjuancountyofficeofemergencymanagement)

San Juan County Government (www.sjcounty.net and facebook - San Juan County, New Mexico. Government)

City of Farmington (www.fmtn.org and www.facebook.com/cityoffarmingtonnm)

Farmington Fire Department (www.facebook.com/Farmingtonfire)

Farmington Police Department (www.facebook.com/farmingtonpolicedepartmentnm)

City of Aztec Municipal Government Offices (www.aztecnm.gov and facebook - City of Aztec Municipal Government Offices)

NMSU Cooperative Extension Service 505-334-9496

NMED web site www.nmedriverwatersafety.org

US EPA web site http://epaosc.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=11082

Information is also available on the La Plata County website at at

<http://www.co.laplata.co.us/emergency>, San Juan Basin Health Department's Website at www.sjbhd.org, La Plata County Government Facebook and San Juan Basin Health

Department Facebook.