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Mr. Don Koskelin  
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**RE: BOIL WATER ORDER RESCISSION; City of Alamosa  
PWSID # CO0102100, Alamosa County**

Dear Mr. Koskelin:

This letter is to formally notify you that the "Boil Water Order" issued on April 3, 2008 for the City of Alamosa water system is hereby rescinded, subject to the conditions delineated below.

The Department recognizes that the following requirements have been satisfied in accordance with the correspondence issued by the Water Quality Control Division on March 28, 2008 and April 7, 2008:

1. Complete the Drinking Water Public Notification Certificate of Delivery Form including copies of the Public Notification;
2. Repair the Weber reservoir;
3. Sanitize and flush the Weber reservoir;
4. Confirm via testing that the roof of the Weber reservoir does not allow water to drain from the roof into the reservoir. Additionally, the city stopped using the Weber reservoir on April 9, 2008 and will not use it as part of the potable water system in the future without approval from the Department;
5. Inspect the Ross Tower and Craft Tower storage tanks using professional storage tank inspectors;
6. Conduct initial repairs necessary to protect drinking water quality based on the professional storage tank inspections. Additional repairs are scheduled to begin on April 14, 2008 (see below);
7. Sanitize and flush the distribution system in accordance with procedures and methods agreed to by the Department. This sanitizing and flushing effort included the storage tanks and the system's forty-nine miles of distribution piping and the piping in individual homes and businesses;
8. Document that Alamosa is continuing disinfection and maintaining a chlorine residual throughout the distribution system as agreed to by the Department;
9. Microbiological analyses indicated the absence of total coliform bacteria, *Salmonella* bacteria, and the parasites *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* in samples collected from the wells and the distribution system;

10. Provide the Department with a list of locations of identified hazardous cross connections to the city's distribution system, and whether an appropriate backflow prevention device is installed at the service connection;
11. Provide the Department with a list to confirm the last date of testing by a certified cross connection control technician of backflow prevention devices at locations that could represent a biological hazard as agreed to by the Department. For those locations where the date was unknown, or more than one year ago, the backflow devices will be tested by a certified cross connection control technician within a timeframe established by the Department in follow-up communication; and,
12. For the locations that could represent a biological hazard as specifically discussed on April 4, 2008, where an appropriate backflow prevention device was not installed, either install and test a proper device, or disconnect the service until an appropriate device is installed and tested.

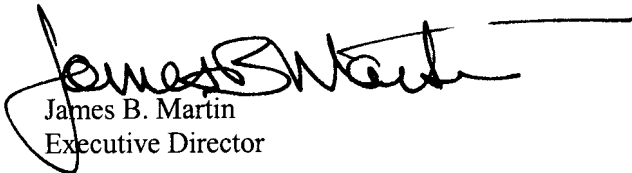
Based upon the above information, the "Boil Water Order" is rescinded effective April 11, 2008, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Ross Tower shall be removed from service on April 11, 2008, and further sanitary repairs as agreed to by the Department must be completed.
2. The City of Alamosa shall provide documentation to the Department of the sanitary repairs completed on the Ross Tower, including a description of the debris removed from the tank, prior to returning the Ross Tower to service.
3. The City of Alamosa shall provide plans and a schedule for any further tank repairs on both the Craft and Ross towers by April 17, 2008. The plans and schedule are subject to approval by the Department.

All affected customers should be notified of the actions that the city of Alamosa has taken and that recent samples did not indicate the presence of contamination. Public notice that the "Boil Water Order" has been rescinded should include contact information for the water system and should be provided in a similar manner as the notification of the initial Order.

Additional operating, monitoring and other requirements will be communicated to the city of Alamosa by the Water Quality Control Division under separate cover. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Ron Falco at (303) 692-3569.

Sincerely,



James B. Martin  
Executive Director

Cc. Alamosa County Health Department  
Drinking Water File