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**Alamosa, CO** – The following is an update of the treatment process of the Alamosa City Water System:

### **Stage 1 Update - March 26, 2008 10:30 a.m.**

Today, the water treatment process will continue to be the main focus of City water officials. Stage 1 “Red” safety notices continue to be handed out by volunteers. Upon receiving the notice, residents and businesses are in Stage 1 and may not use the city water for any purpose other than flushing toilets. As of this update, the following areas have received the Stage 1 “Red” safety notices:

- All residents and businesses north of Highway 160 and First Street, and west of Stadium Drive.
- This area includes Adams State College, Alamosa High School, and the Cattails Golf Course homes.

In Stage 1, citizens may experience skin, eye, or other irritation from exposure to the highly concentrated chlorinated water. If signs of irritation occur, immediately rinse irritated areas with bottled water. If the irritation continues or spreads, contact your health care provider for follow-up care.

Citizens may see City officials, volunteers, and the Colorado National Guard walking through neighborhoods in the early morning or late evening hours, passing out Stage 1 “Red” safety notices. City officials will also be moving through neighborhoods to track the progress of the treatment process.

Residents will be notified with a Stage 2 “Yellow” Safety Notice when Stage 1 ends and the concentration of chlorine decreases.

Water distribution centers at the old Kmart building, Boyd Park, and San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center continue to be open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Citizens are encouraged to bring large containers that are approved for potable water.

The City of Alamosa appreciates the community's cooperation and extends sincere appreciation to all the volunteers that continue to make this community stronger. Community members that are interested in volunteering should contact the Red Cross at 719-587-3314.

For more information, please call the CO-Help line at 1-877-462-2911, visit [www.CityofAlamosa.org](http://www.CityofAlamosa.org) or watch Cable Channel 10.

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