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The Environment Department's mission is to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for present and future generations.

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Environment Department confirms no current impacts to City of Las Vegas drinking water

State, city continuously evaluating drinking water safety

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) confirms that City of Las Vegas drinking water is safe to drink. NMED continues to monitor the Calf Canyon and Hermits Peak Fires and coordinate closely with the City of Las Vegas to monitor for any impacts on the City's drinking water supply.

At 5:45 p.m. on April 29, 2022, the City of Las Vegas issued a press release stating that there are no current impacts to drinking water quality at this time and that the City's drinking water reservoir and the water treatment facility have not been impacted by wildfires. NMED's Drinking Water Bureau has reviewed drinking water data from the City's drinking water treatment plant and confirms that there is no current threat to public health from the City's drinking water supply.

"We reviewed the data and verified that the water in Las Vegas is safe. We will continue working with the City to ensure safe and healthy drinking water is delivered to residents. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Las Vegas and surrounding communities," said **NMED Cabinet Secretary James Kenney**.

Residents should use reliable sources for information about wildfires in their communities: as circumstances surrounding the Calf Canyon and Hermits Peak Fires continue to develop, NMED and the City of Las Vegas will provide validated information and advice for residents regarding any confirmed threats to public health from the City's drinking water supply.