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Boil Advisory Issued for Alfalfa County Bed and Breakfast

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has advised Heritage Manor Bed and Breakfast, located in Alfalfa County, to inform consumers of the drinking water that it is unsafe for human consumption due to the presence of *E. coli*.

The boil advisory was issued after water samples indicated the presence of *E. coli*. To ensure the water is safe for human consumption, water served from the Heritage Manor system should be vigorously boiled for one minute before drinking, use in food preparation, washing dishes or brushing teeth.

The advisory to boil water will remain in effect until the water system ensures that chlorination can be adequately maintained and that, if necessary, any required corrections to structural systems or operational practices have been made. DEQ will require that proper testing of water samples indicates the water to be free from *E. coli* before suspending this advisory.

Federal law requires that consumers be notified when a public water supply exceeds certain maximum contaminant levels and might be harmful to the health of consumers.

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