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The State of New Mexico
County of Bernalillo Bernalillo 
I, Paul Pino of Bernalillo, NM,
(name) (county) (state)


MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:

I grew up on a ranch 8 miles east of Carrizozo New Mexico and we used rain water for drinking and cooking through the 1960s. We only used water from a well to wash clothes, take baths and to provide water for animals and trees. Of my four family members who were alive at the time of the Trinity nuclear test, my mother died of cancer all over her body, my brother died of stomach cancer, one sister has survived thyroid cancer and my other sister has survived brain tumors twice.

We also have an older house on the ranch where my father was born in 1913 and that house has an identical rain water collection system. The use of rain water for drinking and cooking was handed down unchanged over the generations according to what my father told me, what I saw and what I experienced.


My father showed me the construction and design of the rainwater harvesting system and I can show you the systems at both houses if you like. The metal roof provided water to the rain gutters, the gutters ran into a filtration system of a tub filled with charcoal and from there the water ran into the cistern. We took the water out of the cistern for use every day with a bucket on a rope. At one point we had a hand pump installed in the kitchen which pumped water directly from in kitchen. Every ranch I know of used rain water for drinking and cooking also, and many of the cisterns are still in place.


STATE OF New Mexico
COUNTY OF Bernalillo


(Signature of person making the statement)

SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME,

on the 16 day of October, 2020

Signature  (Seal)
Notary Public
My Commission expires: 05/24/2022

 OFFICIAL SEAL
DAMIAN DORADO
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF NEW MEXICO
My commission expires _____