

**Collaborative Problem Solving Grant:  
San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council  
located in Alamosa, Colorado**

**Project Description**

The identified issue for this project is resident exposure to contaminants (e.g., metals, fertilizers) via household wells. The environmental and/or public health result desired is a reduction in the number of residents within the Valley who are exposed to contaminants through their drinking water source. SLVEC and its partners plan to achieve their desired goal through:

- (1) educating residents to take personal steps, such as using well water only for bathing or washing, installing or cleaning water filters, to avoid exposure to well water contaminants;
- (2) educating health care providers so that they will provide services and information to affected residents to reduce exposure and to reduce associated health problems;
- (3) promoting and implementing new technologies that are cost effective, which will allow low-income residents to afford filtration systems or to drill for new wells.

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