Cheesy Taco Mac

1/2 lb. ground beef
1 packet **Chile Con Queso Dip Mix** (dry)
1-1/2 cups uncooked rotini or penne pasta
1 packet (1 oz.) taco seasoning
2 cans (14.5 oz. ea.) diced tomatoes, undrained
1-1/2 cups water
1/2 tsp. salt, optional

In a Dutch oven or similar large pan, brown ground beef. Drain any fat from cooked meat. Add all remaining ingredients. Mix well. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low. Cover tightly and simmer 20 minutes or until pasta is tender, stirring occasionally. May garnish with shredded or grated cheese before serving. Serve immediately.

