

STATE OF NEBRASKA



Mike Johanns
Governor

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Roger K. Patterson
Director

March 5, 2003

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Bruce McDermott
33412 So. Summerset Rd
Wellfleet, NE 69170

Dear Mr. McDermott:

We have been informed by several citizens and local public officials that an advertisement has been running in the Fort Collins newspaper, as well as other Colorado newspapers, regarding the sale of ground water from Nebraska. The advertisement states as follows:

“3. FRESH CLEAN WELL WATER for sale at low rates. Will deliver by semi-load lots or smaller. Call (308)534-4399 leave message. Fort Collins Coloradoan Subclassification: MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE 1/12/2003” The phone number in the ad is a North Platte phone number for a Bruce McDermott.

Given that the telephone number is listed as belonging to you, we want to advise you that under Nebraska law the transfer of ground water from Nebraska requires an application for a permit and approval from the Department of Natural Resources before the water is transferred. Please advise this office if you intend to transfer water out of State so that the necessary application forms can be sent to you. If you have already consummated a transfer you are in violation of State law and any such transfers must stop immediately. If we have any reason to believe that you have in fact transferred ground water out of State without a permit we will turn the matter over to the Nebraska Attorney General's Office for handling, including civil or criminal actions that may be applicable to you and anyone out of State to whom you have transferred ground water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger K. Patterson".

Roger K. Patterson
Director

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