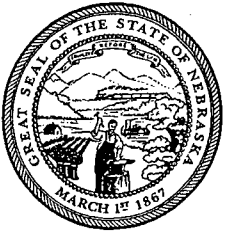


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Ann Bleed
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IN REPLY TO:

December 11, 2007

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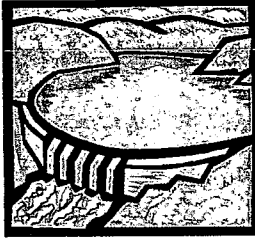
Dear Mr. Knehans,

I received your December 4, 2007 response to my earlier request for ideas on the use of Water Resources Cash Fund resources for the coming year. Thanks, you were one of the first to respond and your ideas are worthy of consideration. Unfortunately, the decision on the use of the Fund for the coming year will not be made within the time frame you identify for the Water 2025 grant process (January or February).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Bleed".

Ann Bleed, Director



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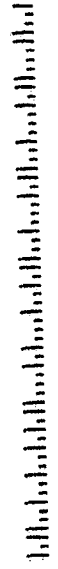
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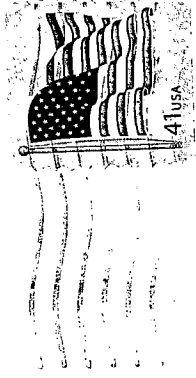
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