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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2005 8:00 AM  
**To:** Roger - Office (Roger - Office); Ann Bleed (Ann Bleed); Ann Diers; Susan France (Susan France)  
**Subject:** Letters  
**Importance:** Low

Attached are two letters that we are sending out. The first letter is to follow up on the 191 suspense wells that we previously sent letters out on. We still have 75 wells pending from the original 191. Of those 75, we have not received any response from 59 of them. On the other 16 we are just awaiting further information before completion.

The second letter will be sent to the NRD managers regarding known unregistered wells. We are only sending this letter on wells drilled prior to July 1, 2001. This includes over 300 wells. <<...>> <<...>>

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WELL LOCATION: NW1/4SE1/4, Section 19, Township 9 North, Range 20 W,  
Dawson County

Dear Mr. \_\_\_\_\_:

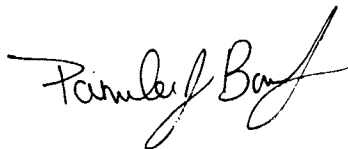
We have previously contacted you concerning the above referenced well. Our records show that the status of the well has not been resolved as previously requested. The well was originally registered as a replacement well but our records do not show that it meets the requirements of a replacement well. The statute definition for a replacement well requires the water well being replaced to be decommissioned within one year of construction of the new well.

If the well being replaced still exists or was not decommissioned within the one-year period, the wells are not properly registered and are illegal wells. Nebraska Statute § 46-602(8) states that whenever a water well becomes an illegal water well the owner of the water well shall either correct the deficiency that causes the well to be an illegal water well, or shall cause the proper decommissioning of the water well. Nebraska Statute § 46-613.02 states that any person violating § 46-602 shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor and that each day of a violation may be considered a separate offense. The local natural resources district may also require additional review for a well originally proposed as replacement but which now does not meet the definition.

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Please contact our office prior to July 1, 2005, in order to resolve the situation and prevent further action being taken. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Pamela J. Bonebright  
Groundwater Supervisor

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cc: Central Platte Natural Resource District

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NRD Manager

Several years ago we had discussions concerning your assistance in getting wells registered. At that time you were given a list of wells in each of your areas that the Department knew had been drilled, but which had not been registered. *This enabled you to follow up with the owners of the unregistered wells.*

The Department is again following up on certain wells that we have been informed exist, but have not been registered. We would ask your assistance again. If you are willing to assist in this endeavor, please contact Pam Bonebright ([pbonebright@dnr.state.ne.us](mailto:pbonebright@dnr.state.ne.us)) and she will send you all the information that we have and what steps we have taken to this point to get these wells registered. *This will enable you to follow up with the owners of the unregistered wells to obtain registration.*

We appreciate any assistance you can give us.