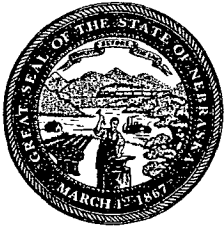


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June 23, 2006

William Rinne (Acting)
Commissioner
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Dear Acting Commissioner Rinne:

Pursuant to Section 104 of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, I am requesting temporary drought assistance to the State of Nebraska and ask you to determine that such assistance is merited. Title I of the Act provides broad authority to the Secretary of Interior to utilize the facilities of the Federal Reclamation program and the resources of the Department of the Interior to address drought conditions in the western states.

Section 104 of the Act says in part; *"The programs and authorities established under this title shall become operative in any Reclamation State only after the Governor of the affected State has made a request for temporary drought assistance and the Secretary, or his appointee, has determined that such temporary assistance is merited..."* The resources of my Office and my State stand ready to assist you in making such a determination.

We appreciate your support in the past and look forward to working together as we address the problems imposed by this persistent drought. Please do not hesitate in contacting my Office if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Heineman".

David Heineman
Governor

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