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May 10, 1997

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Gentlemen:

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming water quality study and development of a flow model sponsored by our Basin Coalition. Our Basin Coalition includes four natural resources districts and four irrigation districts known as the Nebraska Republican River Basin Water Management Districts.

We submitted an application to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund for a grant to address water quality and water quantity issues within the Nebraska portion of the Republican River Basin. The application was submitted by the Southwest Nebraska RC&D Area and was supported by the eight member districts, other local interests, and private landowners.

The application was a two part proposal. The first part was for a Water Quality Study and Flow Model, and the second part was for an On-Farm Initiatives Program. Both projects were to span a three year period and would begin in the summer of 1997 if approved. We were recently notified that the first part of our application had been approved by the Environmental Trust Fund Board. The Environmental Trust Fund in Nebraska receives its funding from State Lottery Revenue.

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The Water Quality Study and Flow Model work will be performed in accordance with an agreement and work plan with the U.S. Geological Survey. In order to do a thorough analysis of water quality, water flowage, and their relationship-- it will require matching up with, or tying into data in Kansas and Colorado. It would appear to me that all three states could benefit from this project. We request your cooperation and support for this project to improve accuracy and to avoid duplication of effort. We expect the study results to be available in about four years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne Heathers".

Wayne Heathers, Manager
Basin Co-Chair

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