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Dear Mike:

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Thanks for sending me the copy of the revised portion of the Lower Republican NRD's Ground Water Management Plan. After we started talking about it in the car on the way home after attending your board meeting, Dick and I started to remember the changes. I don't know that we ever got a copy of DNR's letter, though. Sorry that my memory is so poor that I couldn't remember it in the meeting!

I was happy to hear that your future work with the well moratorium situation and the Ground Water Management Area regulations will compliment each other. From what was indicated at the Board meeting September 11th, I understand that timeframe to complete this work to be about a year from now. At that time, the LRNRD will have determined the direction and substance of the rules and regulations needed to further implement local controls. If this is not the case, please let me know.

Again, let me offer any assistance of informal or formal review of documents or proposed regulations. Dick Ehrman, of the NARD, is also available to assist as needed. Thanks again for the opportunity to address the board and hear what is going on in your neck of the woods.

Sincerely,

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