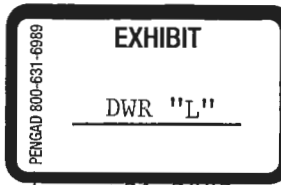


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Mark D. Jennings, L. G.
Environmental Scientist
Division of Water Resources
109 SW 9th ST.— 2nd Floor
Topeka, KS 66612-1283

Dear Mr. Jennings:

This is in response to your letter of 8/11/03. It sounds as if the “artificial recharge” procedure involves pumping ground water into the “well” referred to in your letter. I’m not sure just what this is all about but I am very concerned. My family and I and our livestock depend on our well water and it has always been very good water. This really frightens us. So many of the things Government decides is in the best interest of the people end up costing us way more than we want to pay and often the consequences are never ending.

- The question that come to my mind are;
- Is this really necessary?
- Will it accomplish what is hoped?
- What evidence do you have that this will work?
- What are the risks? We don’t want any risks taken with our water.
- If something is overlooked could it possibly jeopardize the purity of our water?
- What evidence do you have that this is safe?
- Is the surface water purified before being pumped into the well?
- Wasn’t there a problem with the Cheney water a while back when it wasn’t fit for human use?
- What would have happened if that water had been pumped into the ‘well’?

I plan to have our water evaluated before this process begins and then have it re-evaluated periodically to determine changes if and when changes occur.

I personally believe the best way to protect our ground water is not to tamper with it.

I do not want to be difficult, but our clean pure water is very precious to us and I am concerned that there are plans to tamper with it in our neighborhood.

Thanks for advising me. Please respond by addressing my concerns.

Sincerely

Dick Van Wye
15615 NW 24th
Burrton, KS 67020

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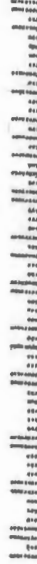
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August 22, 2003

MARK D JENNINGS, L.G.
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST
WATER APPROPRIATION PROGRAM

RE: Application File No 45576

Dear Sir:

Reference your letter of August 12 on
Subject Application. I have three (3) wells
that could be impacted by the well on subject application.
I have been to several meetings on this watershed.
The land owners and water users (approximately 900) are
quite concerned with Nichita's effort to control the
water in this area.

We have had no appreciation in land value in this area
in several years, water is one of our most valuable
assets.

I would oppose such well, unless the following
criteria are met:

1. Quality of recharge water to be "As-good-or-better
than-existing-water-quality".
2. Well not be more than 60' deep.
3. Results of recharge water does not degrade
our existing water standard.
4. What will be effect on salt plume which is
moving south?

Sincerely
Edward W Combs, phone 620 463 3362
18116 NW 12 TH.
Burrton, KS 67020

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Mr. MARK D Jennings L. G.
Environmental Scientist
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8-23-03

Mark Jennings:

We are writing in regards to Permit # 45,568 that the city of Wichita has filed for. In our meetings with Jerry Blane and Leslie Hicks, who are representing Wichita at this time, have told us that are using this well for recharging purposes, and do not intend to pump this well for water for the city of Wichita, but will pump only to "Flush" the screen. It is our understanding that this recharge water is to be used to hold back salt water from the Burton oil field area.

We are for the most part in favor of this project, but are concerned about some aspects such as well depths, pollution, and over pumping, due to the "sale" of water to other cities that might be able to find other sources of water.

Again we feel that this is a positive move by the city of Wichita. I have not had time to visit about the 1,000 acre Ft per year but this seems to be high.

Thanks John F. Weber

Iken L. Weber

Edward S. Weber

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Halstead KS
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August 23, 2003
Re. Application
File no. 45,576

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Dear Mr. Pope:

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It is very difficult to express to you our feelings in a letter. We would much prefer to sit and talk to you as we would any other friend.

We ask please that the application for the permit that Wichita has filed for be denied. We know that all of the studies for this project have been biased in favor of Wichita. Wichita has said that we (the area farmers) are all insignificant. By making this statement they have shown a selfish total disregard for an entire class of people.

We know that they fully intend to keep moving forward on this until the entire aquifer is under their exclusive control. This whole process has been done in a very secretive **388** and underhanded way so as to keep all the farmers completely uninformed.

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Wichita's plan for pumping into the Aquifer will not work as they have said it would. This plan is just an excuse to pump the aquifer dry if they so choose. Wichita has no intention of being a responsible party in this matter. They will be policing themselves on how much water is coming out of the aquifer and the quality of water going into it. If they want to bank water for the future why don't they pump the river water into Cheney? Or another idea: they could just process the water they need directly out of the river. But NO! They are not about to do that. Wichita intends to rape the district's farmers, use and abuse us and then dump us without any water (or hopelessly polluted water), all of this without any compensation for our grief and ruined lives.

A year or two ago we called our district water manager to find out what all of the drilling around us was for. He said he (Mr Mike Dealy) had no idea and

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would drive out to see if there was some drilling going on and he would get back to us. When Mr. Dealy called us back he said they were just doing some testing.

We would like to see a special referendum vote by all of those qualified to vote in our water district. After all this involved many more than just Wichita. We should be allowed a vote on this tremendous change in our lives. We do not have the power, influence and money that Wichita has but we are very concerned about the immediate future and all the generations to come.

Thank you for
Considering our
Concerns.

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Respectfully,
Ronald S. Newmyer
Sharon K. Newmyer

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cc: Mark D. Jennings cc: Kathleen Sebelius
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K.D.A.
Office of Secretary

Mr. Adrian Polansky
Secretary
Kansas Department of Agriculture
109 SW 9th Street, 4th Floor
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Mr. Polansky:

I have received information from a constituent regarding a problem that falls within the purview of your agency. I have forwarded a copy of the correspondence which I received.

Please give this matter every due consideration and to ensure clear communication, please correspond directly with Ronald Neuway regarding this matter.

I have taken the liberty of providing Mr. Neuway with your agency address. I am hopeful that you and Mr. Neuway can achieve an amicable conclusion to this matter.

While you need not respond to me directly regarding this matter, you can contact Ardena Schienbein in my Wichita office if you feel that you need further information.

Best regards,

Todd Tiahart
Member of Congress

February 24, 2004

Mark D. Jennings, L.G.
Kansas Dept. of Agriculture
Division of Water Resources
109 SW 9th Street
Topeka, KS 66612-1283

Dear Mr. Jennings

I was surprised and bothered after looking at the information you sent me concerning:
Well Application File # 45576 for Wichita Water.

My father owns the ground where the application is designated. For several months, my father and myself have been hearing talk that he had sold out his water rights to Wichita water. The climate around our neighbors has been cold, to say the least. We had no clue why.

Around 2/20/04, my father spoke to the Equus Beds Water Board at Halstead. They informed him of the application.

A few days later I received my information. The letter I received was postmarked 2/19/04, and the information, itself is dated 8/12/03. As far as I know my father has not received written notice yet! He owns the ground for the well location and has his own water well on that same property!

These conditions with the community and my father have given me some serious concerns. Things should have been handled better. The landowner should be the 1st to know information concerning his ground.

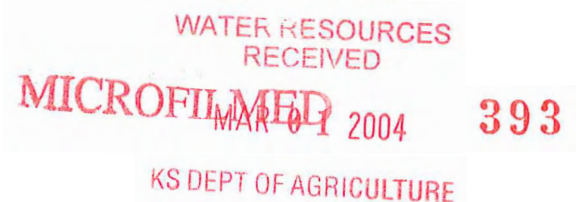
As I see things, the only positive aspect of Wichita waters overall proposal; is the hydraulic barrier and replenishment of water created by the recharge well. I have no desire to see the city draw water from our area.

Concerned,

Corey L. Flickinger

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Cc: Larry Flickinger



Corey L. Flickinger
17911 NW 12th
Burrton KS 67028

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KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

DICK VAN WYE
15615 NW 24TH
BURRTON KS 67020

February 6, 2004

RE: Application File Nos.
45,567 through 45,576
City of Wichita

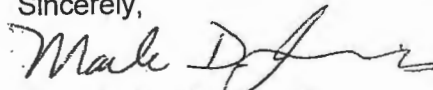
Dear Mr. Van Wye:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, received on August 25, 2003, in which you expressed comments concerning the proposed appropriation of water by the City of Wichita for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project (ASR).

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If you have any questions, please contact our office. If you wish to discuss a specific file, please refer to the file number so that we may help you more efficiently.

Sincerely,



Mark D. Jennings, L. G.
Environmental Scientist
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EDWARD W COMBS
18116 NW 12
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February 6, 2004

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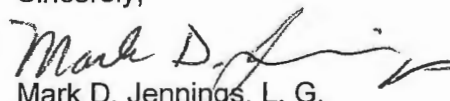
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JOHN F WEBER
9414 W 1ST
HALSTEAD KS 67056

February 6, 2004

RE: Application File Nos.
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Dear Mr. Weber:

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RONALD & SHARON NEUWAY
903 N WILLOW LAKE RD
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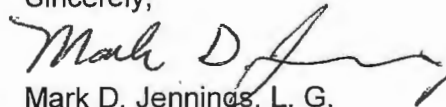
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Neuway:

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