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Red River Valley Water Supply Project  
P.O. Box 1017  
Bismarck, ND 58502-1017

Re: Taking of water from aquifers.

We are very against the removal of any water from the aquifers do to the loss of water for future development in this area. Who will compensate the property owners, and farmers for loss crops when this area has an extreme drought and wells start sucking air. Private wells will also be effected by lowering the water table, and surface water will disappear to recharge the aquifer. When this happens the duck population that is on the decline in Minnesota will be affected even worse with loss of shallow wetlands.

The installation of many miles of pipeline will damage top soil, it never gets put back the way it was and with only a few inches to work with in some areas this is critical. The chance of contamination of the aquifers are increased with wells fittings, and pipelines, plus some parts are already contaminated with chemicals.

A very large amount of affected individuals are not aware, nor have they been informed of the project, do to poor press coverage and many are away from there cabins and lake homes. This project should have more public input and media coverage, so this project is not a complete surprise for hundreds of affected property owners.

Devils Lake is flooding more and more land and swallowing up property. Install a water treatment plant at the outlet and pipe clean treated water to Fargo, or use Missouri river water the same way.

Vance Sherman, Property owner



Arlene Sherman, Property owner

