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RE: Red River Valley Water Supply Project

April 12, 2006

Gentlemen:

We wish to express our great concern over the proposed Red River Valley Water Supply Project that would drain water from our Otter Tail Outwash aquifers for the benefit of the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area. We believe that the Bureau of Reclamation and North Dakota would be acting irresponsibly by depleting the aquifers of one group of people for another one who have used up their own aquifers and water resources. To our knowledge, nothing has been done to take concerted efforts in the F-M area to conserve their water supply.

In reviewing the CD presented at the March 23, 2006 informational meeting in Perham, MN, we did not see anything that addressed the potential environmental impacts to the "suppliers" aquifers. History shows that in the 1930's crops were even grown in lake beds due to the low water table. Many residents have sand wells and such a project would be devastating to them – for which a remedy would be too slow. In addition we did not see anything that addressed endangered species. The American Bald Eagle nests around many of these lakes and the endangered pugnose shiner has been recorded in Dead Lake, 83% of which is litteral.

Furthermore, we do not believe that once the wells and pipes are dug that the supply will not be reserved for emergency purposes.

Since these are public comments to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, we expect that these comments will be addressed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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