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Subject: Red River Valley Water Supply Project (RRVWSP)
Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS)

Dear Mr. Breitzman:

We would like to express our concern and comments about RRVWSP. The City of Fessenden is very disappointed that supplying water to the James River via the New Rockford canal is not within the scope of study for the RRVWSP. Many of our citizens have been impacted and have sacrificed so much for the development of the Garrison Diversion Project. The long awaited benefits have yet to be seen.

We noticed that Wells county and our neighboring counties within the upper Sheyenne River Basin are currently not included within the service area that you have considered in the RRVWSP alternatives.

We request that you consider Wells County and our neighboring counties of Sheridan, Eddy, Nelson, Griggs and the southern portions of the Spirit Lake Reservation, all located in the Upper Sheyenne River Basin.

For the New Rockford canal to be used we understand that the water would have to be treated. A biota treatment plant would be needed before the water was transferred using

the New Rockford canal. This plant would be located near the town of McClusky, ND. This location is about 15 miles from the headwaters of the Upper Sheyenne River. The water made available would be of great benefit to central ND, water that could be used for drinking, industry and for wildlife. We also believe it would improve water quality in the Sheyenne river, our average rainfall is about 15-18".

Sincerely, Kevin Roller

Mayor of Fessenden, ND