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Mr. Dennis Breitzman, Area Manager
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RE: Red River Valley Water Supply Project
Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Breitzmann:

The Harvey City Council, at its regular meeting held on April 11, discussed the proposed Red River Valley Water Supply Project (RRVWSP) and the potential impact the project could have on the City of Harvey, Wells County, and the surrounding area. We appreciate the opportunity to present our view on the project.

We ask you to consider including Wells County and the surrounding area counties within the service area of the RRVWSP. Including the Sheyenne and James River systems along with the New Rockford Canal as possible solutions to moving water from the Missouri to the Red River Valley may be beneficial not only to the project itself, but also for the residents of Wells County and the City of Harvey. Local residents could benefit personally and the area may also see positive economic impact from increased recreation, tourism, fishing, irrigation, water for fire protection, new agricultural related business and potential industrial activity

We do not disagree with the need for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project as we realize the importance of having an abundant water supply to meet the needs of the Red River Valley. We only ask that you consider other alternatives to moving the water from the Missouri River to the east. We respectfully thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments and to express our opinion.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Marthaller
Mayor, City of Harvey

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