



**NORTHWEST KANSAS  
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICT NO. 4**

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Earl Lewis, Chief Engineer  
Division of Water Resources  
Kansas Department of Agriculture  
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Dear Earl,

On behalf of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District #4 (GMD 4) in Colby, Kansas, we fully support the Groundwater Management District #1 (GMD 1) District-Wide Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA) efforts. Having been the first GMD to create a LEMA in Sheridan County and expand that to other areas within our district, we find the LEMA tool to be very effective in not only reducing groundwater depletion but changing the way in which producers manage the resource to extend its life.

As the water resource problems are very different among the five GMD's in the State of Kansas, we are very supportive of the leadership GMD 1 has taken to find a unique solution for their area. Utilization of the LEMA tool has provided them with the means to address the water resource concerns in their GMD and put together a plan supportive of their stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Shannon Kenyon  
Manager