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Subject: City of Wichita ASR proposal

Good afternoon! I am writing to express concern regarding the recent City of Wichita Aquifer Storage and Recovery project proposed changes. I am a citizen of Bentley, Kansas, and also own 100 acres of land just west of Bentley. I feel that my private well at my home, as well as my well on my acreage, may be jeopardized by the proposal. I grew up in the area, on our family farm west of Bentley, and I am very concerned about the proposed lowering of the minimum index levels and the effect that will have on the water in the Equus Beds. It is common knowledge that the chloride plumes on the northwest and south sides of the aquifer (the one at Burrton, and the one along the Big Arkansas River) are kept at bay from entering the aquifer by its current water levels. Decreasing those levels will not only endanger civilian and farm wells to be unable to reach the water, but also increase the risk of those plumes contaminating the water in the aquifer, which would result in devastating damage to crop land, livestock wells, and also personal use wells. As neither of my wells are within the 600 feet of an ASR well, as required under the proposal, my livelihood, as well as the livelihood of the surrounding farmers, would be drastically impacted, with no recourse against the City of Wichita. How am I supposed to sit by and watch that happen? I feel it would be a terrible destruction of our precious water resource to allow this proposal to proceed.

I also must mention that the Equus Beds aquifer is already over-allocated, as shown by many years of denying of additional water rights to citizens and farmers in the area. If it is already over-allocated, then how can you increase the amount allocated to the City of Wichita four-fold, which is the effect of allowing the accumulating of the additional recharge credit, some of which are for water not even placed into the Equus Beds. Please show your responsible stewardship of our water resources by DISAPPROVING of the City of Wichita proposal.

Thank you.

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