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David Barfield, Chief Engineer
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RE: McPherson IGUCA - File 411.1

Dear Mr. Barfield:

On November 8, 2016, the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 Board of Directors reviewed the McPherson Intensive Groundwater Use Control Area (IGUCA) review as presented at the October 4, 2016, public hearing. In particular, the Board reviewed the review team's recommendation that the McPherson IGUCA boundaries be expanded to the south of the current boundary.

The District and the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) are currently completing a District wide sustainability model to determine if any changes need to be made to the District's Safe Yield Regulation K.A.R. 5-22-7. Additionally, at the request of the District Board of Directors, the Chief Engineer has suspended processing of new water appropriation applications until October 10, 2017, in portions of McPherson and Harvey Counties until the sustainability modeling is completed and any changes made to the District's safe yield regulation. The proposed McPherson IGUCA boundaries expansion area and the application suspension area partially overlap.

Upon review of the IGUCA review report and additional information, it was the decision of the District Board of Directors to recommend that the McPherson IGUCA boundaries are not expanded at this time and the issue is re-evaluated upon the completion of the KGS sustainability modeling, any modifications to the District's safe yield regulation completed, and expiration of the application processing suspension.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional information and comments. Please contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,
EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER
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Tim Boese
Manager
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