

From: Nola Judd [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2012 10:49 PM
To: Wessel, Ann (ECY); Wessel, Ann (ECY)
Subject: Water Usage Rules Deprive Right to Use Land - STOP!
Importance: High

Dear Ms. Wessel,

The Department of Ecology (DOE) is proposing a number of significant limitations on water usage in our area and, in my opinion, way over-stepping their bounds.

I am concerned that these limitations will ultimately (among *many* other things) deprive citizens of the right to use their land.

The assertion that there is hydrological connectivity between aquifers and the waters flowing in streams and rivers is, at best, an hypothesis that has yet to be proven. Moreover, *if* (and I consider that a B-I-G *if*) such a connectivity does exist, the affects of wells on the flow levels *is* minimal and, therefore, the hardships (inflicted on the general populace and land owners in particular) will far outweigh any potential benefits - a fact that DOE's own economist, Mr. Hoff avows. [As an aside, the fact that shortly after Mr. Hoff voiced his concerns, he was relieved of his duties and transferred elsewhere in the department bespeaks harassment of a "whistle-blower".]

I contend that the town meeting held on June 28, 2012 should be seen as evidence that the majority of the citizens, We The People, (many of whom will be severely impacted by these limitations) are emphatically against them. Many speakers at this meeting pointed out the legal flaws as well as the lack of logic and the punitive nature of the proposed rules. Similar commentary was presented at the Board of Commissioners meeting on July 3, 2012.

Accordingly, I request that you suspend the implementation of these rules until such time as you can convince me and your other constituents (as well as the population immediately affected – *and* our elected representatives) that these rules are logical, lawful, and beneficial by means of a thorough, independently performed economic study.

Thank you for your attention.

Signed

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