



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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Mr. Kenneth J. Norman
Moorhead Public Service Commission
500 Center Avenue, P.O. Box 779
Moorhead, MN 56561-0779

Dear Mr. Norman and Commission Members:

MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BUFFALO AQUIFER IN CLAY COUNTY

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your request for the cooperation and assistance of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Waters Division (DNR) in the development of a management plan for the Buffalo Aquifer within Clay County. The primary purpose of the proposed plan is water supply management during drought.

DNR advocates long-term water supply planning including characterization of water supply alternatives and conservation planning. I suggest that we meet to discuss the concept for a plan in your area and what resources may be needed to accomplish that concept. Bob Bezek, Regional Hydrologist, and Laurel Reeves, Water Appropriation Permit Program Manager, will be DNR's contacts for this discussion. Please contact them to set up a meeting. They may be reached at bob.bezek@dnr.state.mn.us, 218-755-3973, and laurel.reeves@dnr.state.mn.us, 651-259-5692, respectively.

We look forward to working with you to discuss and plan the water supply management needs Clay County.

Sincerely,
DNR WATERS

Kent Lokkesmoe
Director

cc: Cliff McLain, Water Division Manager, MPS
Jim Japs, Assistant Director
Bob Bezek, DNR Regional Hydrologist
Laurel Reeves, DNR Water Appropriation Permit Program Manager

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