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Governor

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**RE: APPLICATION TO RENT WATER FROM THE WATER SUPPLY BANK; OTHER  
WATER RIGHT NOS. 61-12256 and 63-32225**

Dear Applicant:

The Department of Water Resources has completed its review of your application to rent water for 290 acres of irrigation from ground water in Elmore County. Based on that review, the Department cannot satisfy your rental request. The reasons are described below.

First, there is not adequate water in the Water Supply Bank available in the vicinity of the proposed rental wells. Second, the proposed pumping location is in a contested area and the Director is in the process of holding a consolidated hearing on water supply in that area. You were seeking additional irrigation in the area of permit 63-32225 and application for permit 61-12256. Application 61-12256 is protested, as are other applications in the area. The protests cited lack of information about water supply in the area and concern over impacts of additional pumping. The Water Supply Bank would be reluctant to approve an application for additional pumping in the area until the protests are resolved.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (208) 287-4907.

Sincerely,

Monica Van Bussum  
Sr. Water Resource Agent

Enclosure – Rental application

C: John Westra – IDWR Western Regional Office  
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