

October 4, 2007

Beverly Howard
USDA Rural Development
3705 Miller Parkway, Suite A
Manhattan, KS 66503-7546

RE: Nemaha Valley Community Hospital - Seneca, KS

Dear Ms. Howard

The Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) has received USDA Rural Development's August 29, 2007 request for environmental comments. USDA has submitted the request on the behalf of two loan applicants, Nemaha Valley Community Hospital and the Nemaha-Marshall Electric Cooperative, for a Community Facilities and Rural Economic Development loan, respectively. The loan will finance the addition of a new outpatient clinic, renovation of existing hospital space, and equipment purchase for the Nemaha Valley Community Hospital in Seneca, KS.

A review of regional geologic information along with the site map provided by Great Plains indicates that there are no unduly adverse geologic conditions that should affect this project. Environmental factors that could affect this project will likely be more site-specific in nature or dependent on the structure (e.g., asbestos, lead paint, USTs, etc.). Site-specific factors should be considered by the applicant prior to construction. However for the purposes of the loan application, clearance of the project should be granted. A completed request for environmental comments form is enclosed.

This letter is an assessment based on the regional geologic conditions available at the KGS at the time of writing and cannot be used in substitute of a detailed site characterization. Other geologic conditions, not discussed herein, or for which the KGS has no knowledge, may affect the viability or safe operation of this facility or property. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide any necessary characterization, geotechnical or environmental testing, or design by a licensed professional geologist or engineer to complete the project.

Sincerely,



Shane Lyle, RG
Geology Extension Coordinator

Enclosures

cc: Dan Suchy, KGS Data Resources Library

Comments by:
Kansas Geological Survey
Attn: Bill Harrison, Director
1930 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, KS 66047-3726

TRANSMITTAL DATE: August 29, 2007

PROJECT TITLE: Hospital addition and renovation
Nemaha Valley Community Hospital

CONTACT PERSON: DOUGLAS K CLARY

☐ Notification of Intent
☐ Preapplication
☐ Final Application
☐ Direct Development

This form provides notification and the opportunity for your agency to review and comment on this proposed project required by Executive Order 12372. Please complete Parts II & III as appropriate. Your prompt response will be appreciated.

RETURN TO:
USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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PART I (Check appropriate agency)
REVIEW AGENCIES/COMMISSIONS

☐ Aging	☐ Education	☐ State Forester
☐ Agriculture-DWR	☒ Geological Survey, KS	☐ Transportation
☐ Biological Survey, KS	☐ Health & Environment	☐ Water Office, KS
☐ Conservation Commission	☐ Historical Society	☐ Wildlife & Parks
☐ Corporation Commission	☐ Human Resources	☐
☐ Commerce	☐ Social & Rehab Services	☐

PART II (To be completed by review agency and returned to contact person)
AGENCY REVIEW COMMENTS:

See review letter

PART III (To be completed by review agency and returned to contact person)
RECOMMENDED ACTION COMMENTS

☒ Clearance of the project should be granted.	☐ Clearance of the project should not be delayed but the Applicant should be (in the final application) address and clarify the questions or concerns indicated above.
☐ Clearance of the project should not be granted.	
☐ Clearance of the project should be delayed until the issues or questions have been clarified.	☐ Request the opportunity to review final application prior to submission to the federal funding agency.
☐ Request a State Process Recommendation in concurrence with above comments.	

Reviewer's Name *Sh JC* **DIVISION/AGENCY/COMMISSION** Date 10-4-07

Please fax this form to 785-539-2733, as soon as possible. Thank you!



**United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development**

August 29, 2007

Kansas Geological Survey
Attn: Bill Harrison, Director
1930 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, KS 66047-3726

RE: Applicant #1 – Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, Seneca, Kansas
Applicant #2 – Nemaha-Marshall Electric Cooperative and Nemaha Valley
Community Hospital
Project – Hospital addition and renovation

To Whom It May Concern:

Applicant #1: Nemaha Valley Community Hospital of Seneca, Kansas has submitted an application for a Community Facilities loan to USDA, Rural Development.

Applicant #2: Nemaha-Marshall Electric Cooperative will also be submitting an application for a Rural Economic Development Loan to USDA, Rural Development to assist Nemaha Valley Community Hospital.

The purpose of the proposed loans will be to assist with the construction of a new outpatient clinic, which will be an addition to the existing hospital; to renovate some of the existing hospital space, and to purchase additional equipment to be utilized in the hospital.

The existing hospital is located at 1600 Community Drive in Seneca, Kansas. The new addition will be constructed on the north side of the existing facility, which is located in the city limits of Seneca, Kansas. The proposed site location is depicted on the enclosed map. The project will comply with appropriate State laws concerning the application.

Also enclosed is an "Agency Review Transmittal Form" for your response bank to this office. You may also contact this office, if you have any questions regarding the proposed project. This letter is providing notification of the above-proposed project, as well as the opportunity for your agency to review and comment on the proposed project, as required by Executive Order 12372.

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More specific information describing the proposal may be obtained from the following contacts:

APPLICANT

Nemaha-Marshall Electric Cooperative
Kathy Brinker, Manager
PO Box 0
Axtell, KS 664003
(785) 736-2345

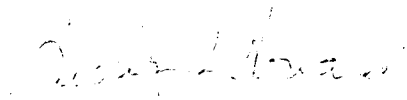
ULTIMATE RECIPIENT

Nemaha Valley Community Hospital
Stan Regehr, CEO
1600 Community Drive
Seneca, KS 66538
(785) 336-2189

If you have any environmental issues concerning the proposed project, please provide written comments to this office within 30 days of the date of this letter. If there are no areas of concern or comments, we would appreciate your negative report by indicating so on the Transmittal Form and returning same to our office at the address provided.

USDA, Rural Development will not obligate funds for this project until after the 30 days have expired and until we have completed an Environmental Assessment of the project. You may fax your response back to us at (785) 539-2733. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



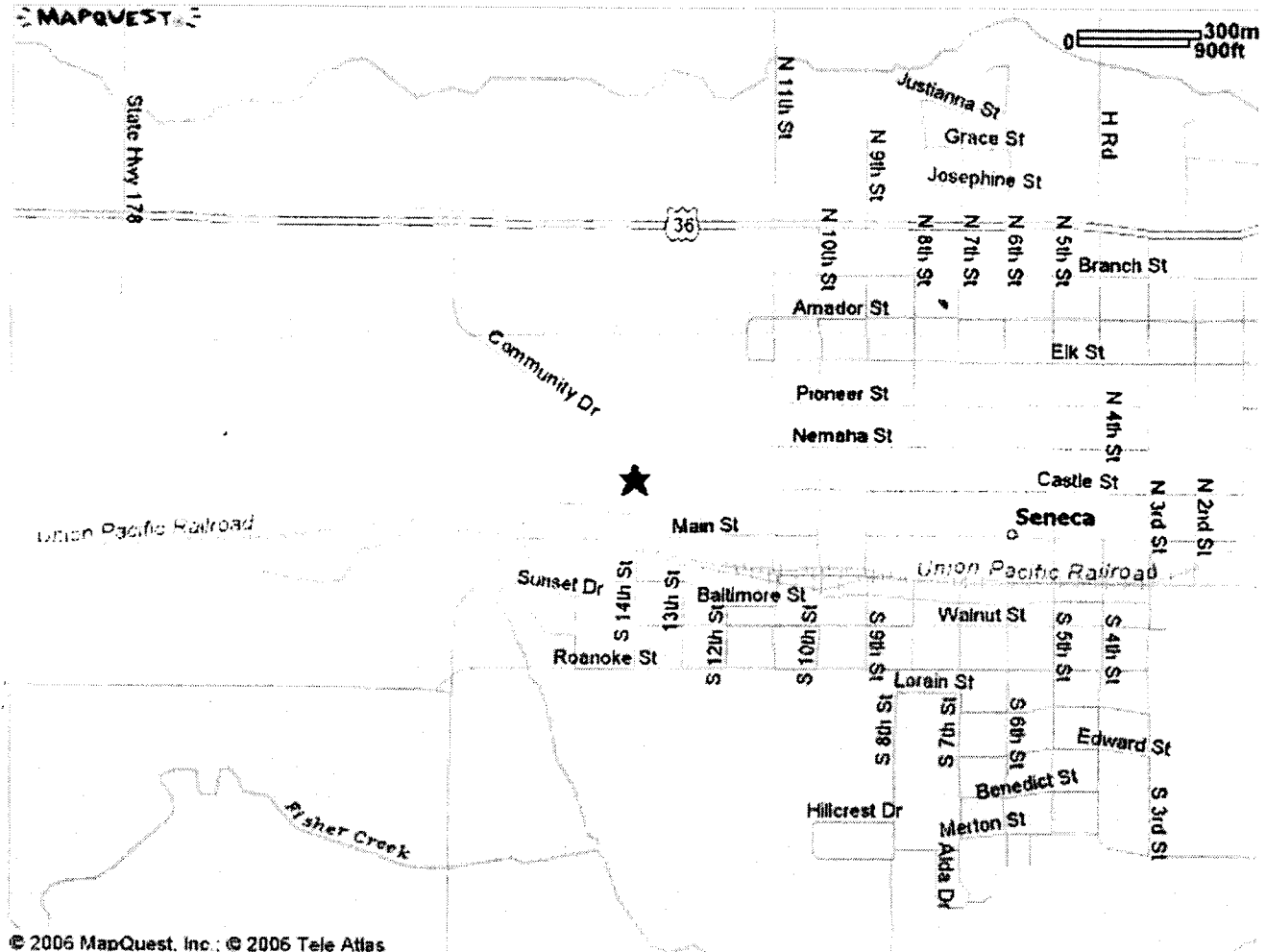
BEVERLY J. HOWARD
Area Technician

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Enclosures



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