For Alan Byrnes



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Mr. Michael H. Cochran, Chief Environmental Geology Industrial Programs Section Bureau of Water Department of Health and Environment Forbes Field, Bldg. 283 Topeka, KS 66620-0001

Dear Mr. Cochran:

Thank you for your letter of January 22 requesting the assistance of the Kansas Geological Survey in the matter of Western Resources gas storage. I have reviewed the documents you sent and believe that we can be helpful.

While I have read the documents and formed an opinion about the issue, we have a new staff member coming on board in the next two weeks, one who will have a better background than I to analyze this issue. If you can wait until then, Mr. Alan Byrnes will review the documentation and work with you to help resolve your questions.

I realize you would have liked an immediate response. However, we want to deliberate before venturing a professional opinion.

We appreciate you contacting us and hope that our work will be helpful to you in resolving this issue.

Sincerely.

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Director and State Geologist

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