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May 25, 2018

CHARLES & LYNNE HUNTER 13111 131ST ROAD WINFIELD KS 67156

RE: Application for Injection Authority

Permit Number: D-32,664

JB #2

Sec. 34-16S-12W Barton County, Kansas

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Hunter:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your protest/objection to the above-referenced application.

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Very truly yours,

Rene Stucky

Environmental Program (UIC/Production Department) Administrator Supervisor

Cc: RJM Company
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Kansas Corporation Commission 266 N Main St., Ste. 220 Wichita, KS 67202-1513 316-337-6200

May 22, 2018

We are writing to protest the granting of a lease to the RJM Company of Claflin, KS for an injection well (JB Lease/Well No. 2) in Barton County, KS. This well is within 10 miles of the Cheyenne Bottoms wetlands, a critical and fragile ecosystem that is an important migratory stop for birds across North America. Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area is owned by the public which means ALL the citizens of Kansas. It doesn't really matter if it's 50 miles....there is still a risk from these contaminants. In Kansas, we have worked hard to protect what is left of our wetlands and wildlife and we cannot allow the willing endangerment of these fragile areas in our state.

The risk to our wildlife refuge of any unanticipated spills or contamination from toxic saltwater far outweigh the applicant's profit interest. The possibility of induced seismicity from high-volume, high-pressure injection at this spot is also of concern until the company is willing to pay damages as a cost of doing business.

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Sincerely

Dr. Charles and Lynne Hunter

13111 131st Rd

Winfield, KS 67156

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CC: RJM Company, PO Box 256, Claflin, KS 67525

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May 25, 2018

ANNETTE TALBOT 3001 SWIFT AVENUE NORTH KANSAS CITY MO 64116

RE: Application for Injection Authority

Permit Number: D-32,664

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Sec. 34-16S-12W Barton County, Kansas

Dear Ms. Talbot:

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Dear KCC (State corporation commission of the State of Kansas)

> You have indicated that RJM Company has filed a application for a permit to authorize disposal of Dalt water into the JB Lease (well No 2 in Barton County 13.

CC: RJM

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I PROTEST THIS. Here are my reasons.

1) This is WAY too Close to a very importent wildlife area. Only 7 miles from the middle of it! There is no way to PROVE that this will have No impact. It ABSOLUTELY will have an impact! It This is parts of the central flyway tor migratory Birds, and many other wild life species. We don't Weed all this waste and corrosion in this lownthin:

I Suggest putting an injection well Closer to a big Karsas teed lot !! NOT this close to a VERY IMPORTANT WILD LIFE ZROA!

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Anneth Talbert page 2 of 3 EARTH SHAKES! Even in Kansas City area we are feeling shake 5 from these shemanigans in OKlahoma drill injection operations I Regulat ENVIRONMENTAL IMPART STUDIES be done by INDEPENDENT agencies KCC WICHITA MAY 24 2018 VAGILE - Opsig and up to 900 66/5? How Can it be psi's ???? 4) We only have ONE PLANET.
There is only ONE UNIQUE
Cheyenne Bottoms. Destroy it and it is gone forever. Thank you, Annette Talbot 3081 Swift Ave North Kansas City, MD 64116

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(First published in the Great Bend Tribune on April 27, 2018)1T BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION RE: RJM Company Application for a permit to authorize the disposal of saltwater into the JB Lease /Well No. 2 located in Barton County, Kansas, TO: All Oil and Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomever concerned. You, and each of you, are hereby notified that RJM Company has fi led an application to commence the disposal of saltwater into the Arbuckle/Granite Wash formation at the JB Lease Well No 2 1430 FSL 1320 FWL; located in the SW/4 of the Sec.34 Twp.16S R.12W, Barton County, Kansas, with a maximum operating pressure of o psig, and a maximum injection rate of 900 bbls per day. Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within thirty days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas. All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly. RJM Company PO Box 256 Claflin, KS 67525 620-588-3910

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May 25, 2018

MARGY STEWART 11003 LOWER MCDOWELL ROAD JUNCTION CITY KS 66441

RE: Application for Injection Authority

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Sec. 34-16S-12W Barton County, Kansas

Dear Ms. Stewart:

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11003 Lower McDowell Rd. Junction City, Kansas 66441

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CONSERVATION DIVISION WICHITA, KS

May 16, 2018

Conservation Division Kansas Corporation Commission 266 N. Main St., Suite 220 Wichita, Kansas 67202-1513

Dear Fellow Kansans:

As a citizen of Kansas, and therefore one of the many "owners" of Cheyenne Bottoms, I am writing to protest a request by RJM Company for a well permit in Barton County, to wit:

an application to commence the disposal of saltwater into the Arbuckle/ Granite Wash formation at the JB Lease Well No 2 1430 FSL 1320 FWL; located in the SW/4 of the Sec.34 Twp.16S R.12W, Barton County, Kansas, with a maximum operating pressure of 0 psig, and a maximum injection rate of 900 bbls per day.

Barton County is the home of Cheyenne Bottoms, beloved of hunters, birdwatchers, hikers, naturalists, photographers, and tourists from all over the world.

Cheyenne Bottoms isn't just any wetland. It is one of the largest wetlands in the Great Plains. In 1988 it was designated "a wetland of international importance" by the Ramsar Convention (redesignated in 2002, following the inclusion of additional acres of wetlands in the Bottoms complex).

At least 45% of the shorebird population of North America rests and feeds at Cheyenne Bottoms at some point during their arduous migrations north in the spring and south in the fall. The Bottoms is also a crucial staging area for ducks, geese, and wading birds of all kinds. Whooping Cranes, an endangered species, frequently visit Cheyenne Bottoms.

Considering the hydrology of the area, I vigorously protest the very idea of placing a salt-water injection well near Cheyenne Bottoms. With periodic flooding in the area and the record of spills and tremors tied to injection

wells, the risk of toxic contamination of the wetlands far outweighs any short-term profits for RJM.

As a citizen of Planet Earth, I am one of the beneficiaries of Cheyenne Bottoms. We visit the Bottoms frequently, often taking out-of-state friends and family with us. I have led groups of students there, and they in turn have become regular visitors to and supporters of Cheyenne Bottoms. I have written about Cheyenne Bottoms for *Bird Watcher's Digest* as well as for *Wildlife & Parks*. In doing so, I have found that words can never convey adequately the wonders of these wetlands.

Please consider this letter my respectful protest of this application and heartfelt request that you deny this permit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Margy Stewart Margy Stewart 785 @ gmail. Com

Cc: RJM Company, P.O. Box 256, Claflin, KS 67525

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