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Dear Mr. Stucky and Ms. Retz:

I am writing to protest the application by Vulcan Resources, LLC, published in the Nov. 15, 2018 edition of the Coffey County Republican, for an order to permit the disposal of salt water into the Squirrel Formation at the Hatch I-1 well, located at the NE SE NW NE of Section 2, Township 23S, Range 13E in Coffey County, Kansas, with a maximum operating pressure of 600 PSI and a maximum injection rate of 500 bbls. per day. Grounds for this protest include:

The Hatch I-1 well is located on local farmland within a stone's throw of several creeks and waterways that feed into North Big Creek which then feeds into the Neosho River about 10 miles to the southeast.

The Hatch I-1 well is also located less than 10 miles to the northwest of my home.

This site is located at an elevation that is about 100' higher in elevation than those surrounding creeks that feed into the Neosho River – the very River which is the source of the water I depend on for daily sustenance (my home's water service is via the city of Burlington and their water plant is source on and by the Neosho on the east edge of town).

Due to the higher elevation of the Hatch I-1 site, any brine leakage or spillage from the well site or its tank battery that results in pollution of those Neosho tributaries and the Neosho itself would violate water my personal right to clean and safe drinking water

As a 5<sup>th</sup> generation, life-long resident of Kansas, I have inherent rights to and guarantees of clean drinking water, especially since this area of Kansas has been in continual drought conditions and any threat to local clean water systems is contradictory to efforts to conserve and use water resources in wise and responsible ways. I also believe that my status as a citizen and the proposed location of this well just 10 miles from my home gives me proximity and standing to file this protest.

In October 2018, this Hatch I-1 well site was under the operation of Osage Operating, LLC, which had published in the Oct. 11, 2018 edition of the Coffey County Republican, notice for an order to permit the disposal of salt water into the Squirrel Formation at the Hatch I-1 well, located at the NE SE NW NE of Section 2, Township 23S, Range 13E in Coffey County, Kansas, with a maximum operating pressure of 600 PSI and a maximum injection rate of 500 bbls. per day. As I was driving by the Hatch I-1 site on 24 Oct., 2018, I found workers busy drilling and raising such a cloud of black smoke that one could hardly see the equipment or the workers and a good third of the field was also cloaked in the same (copy of photo taken with my cell phone is attached). In driving by the site yesterday, Dec. 13, 2018 and while it is purportedly under the operation of Vulcan Resources, LLC., which has the same contact address as Osage Operating, LLC in Oklahoma, I found a working oil jack had now been installed on the site. I next stopped at the Coffey County Register of Deed office to obtain a copy of the Hatch lease agreement with Vulcan Resources, LLC. After a lengthy search, the office's personnel could find NO record of a Hatch lease agreement with Vulcan. Additionally, they could find no record of the Hatch I-1 well itself.

The KCC, by its own mission statement, is charged **to protect correlative rights and environmental resources (of Kansas) .... in part by preventing waste and by enforcing regulations that provide guidelines of producing resources efficiently**, and, therefore, for the reasons stated above, I ask that the KCC place preserving the basic water needs of its human population first and foremost and high above those of the oil producing industry and **DENY** this application by Vulcan Resources, LLC, published in the Nov. 15, 2018 edition of the Coffey County Republican, for an order to permit the disposal of salt water into the Squirrel Formation at the Hatch I-1 well, located at the NE SE NW NE of Section 2, Township 23S, Range 13E in Coffey County, Kansas, with a maximum operating pressure of 600 PSI and a maximum injection rate of 500 bbls. per day.

Sincerely,

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***Hatch I-1 well site photo attachment, 24 Oct. 2018:***

