

18-CONS-3305-CUIC

Kansas Corporation Commission

February 8, 2018

I am writing to protest and ask for hearings for two injection well permits by RJM Company in Barton County:

- Doll Lease Well No. 3 330 FSL 1860 FWL; located in the SW/4 of the Sec.27 Twp.18S R.11W - Docket 18-CONS-3305-CUIC

and

- Riedl Lease and Well No 1 2640 FSL 330 FEL; located in Sec.10 Twp.17S R.14W - Docket 18-CONS-3306-CUIC

I am a landowner with residential property within 2 miles of the Doll Lease Well, and so have legal standing and interest in this development. The Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area is public land, and I as a member of the public use it frequently for recreation.

I have grave concerns about the risks of spills, contamination, and increased seismic activity from high-volume, high-pressure injection of toxic saltwater to the safety of my household water supply and property. The US Geological Survey has established that the increase in earth tremors and quakes in Oklahoma and southern Kansas are linked to the increased seismic activity caused by high-pressure, high-volume injection into the earth. This area has also suffered some years of severe drought and our aquifer is already under significant risk and water loss, and more should not be drawn down for the purposes of private profit. The risk of adverse effects on the safety of my property and health outweighs considerations for an oil company's revenues.

The Cheyenne Bottoms wetlands are a critical and fragile ecosystem that is designated a wetland of international importance to migratory birds across North America. This sort of high-impact intervention endangers this valuable and delicate resource with the potential for severe environmental and economic consequences.

The public comment submission period was truncated by 75% because required docket numbers were not assigned in a timely fashion, thereby obstructing the opportunity for interested parties to communicate their concerns. I also protest this obstruction of public comment.

I hereby respectfully request and authorize electronic notifications in this case.

Sincerely,

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