

**Rene Stucky**

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**From:** Evan Yoder <evan.yoder@usd410.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 10:01 PM  
**To:** Rene Stucky  
**Subject:** RE: Slocombe #1

Hi again Rene,

After consideration I would like to continue this protest. I feel that if someone in Marion County doesn't at least register some concern we may be faced one day with the same issues they're dealing with in Anthony. I don't know how many other injection wells are in this area so am unsure of the scope of the practice. My family has lived on this farm for 112 years and we have a son and grandson living here now. I want to help ensure that the water that's been good here since the buffalo roamed will still be for our great grandchildren. Please let me know if I need to add or do something else to move this along. Thanks so much for your assistance....Evan

Here are my concerns:

- There is no question that injection wells have been the main cause of the unprecedented rise in the number of earthquakes in Oklahoma and Kansas. As those places have limited the amount of waste water in those areas are those contaminants being injected in this area? Will we see seismic activity in this part of Kansas soon? I want to do what I can to keep my finger in the dike.
- The application called for an increase from 3000 barrels to 5000 barrels a day at 250 psi. Upon analysis, it was determined the Slocombe #1 was not designed to have the waste water injected under pressure. What if this design flaw had not been detected? Would the water have been injected under pressure and at what expense to the environment? Did the oil company not know this type of well couldn't (shouldn't) have the waste injected under pressure? My lack of trust in them looking out for our welfare runs deep.
- Finally, while there have not been many environmental accidents involving injection wells, there have been some well-documented incidents. Our water, in this arid state, is so precious that I want to have nothing to do with the possibility of some type of carelessness that leads to contamination of our ground or surface water.

On Apr 25, 2016 10:56 AM, "Rene Stucky" <[r.stucky@kcc.ks.gov](mailto:r.stucky@kcc.ks.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Evan,

In response to your e-mail you can send the protest directly to me in an e-mail, it does not have to be on any particular form. It will need to state what your concerns are with the application but you do not necessarily need to be within the ½ mile radius. If a neighbor wants to join in the protest he will need to send a separate protest letter and will need to request a hearing as well. If you do continue the protest a hearing date will be set up, probably in June. Prior to the hearing date you will be required to file pre hearing testimony which will be put into record at the time of the hearing. It basically identifies you and details your protest and why the application should not be granted. You will be required to be at the hearing and you may have an attorney represent you but for an individual it is not required. The hearing as a rule would take under an hour and you would be tendered for cross examination by the defendant and by staff. You would also have the opportunity to question the applicant and the geologist that worked on the application.

In response to your question asking if the protest will make a difference that is difficult to say. I'm under the assumption that your main concern is induced seismicity but I'm not sure it has been stated. The Commission is very aware of this problem and I have met with them in discussions on this matter. The main concern has been in Harper and Western Sumner counties. The horizontal well production produces large volumes of water and disposal wells in that area were

doing 30,000 to 40,000 barrels per day initially. Working with the Kansas Geological Survey and a good array of seismometers various seismic active areas were identified and in these areas the disposal wells were cut back to 8,000 barrels per day and 250 lbs surface pressure. The rest of the area in these two counties was cut to 25,000 barrels per day maximum. The application on the Slocombe #1 was for an increase in rate from 3,000 barrels per day to 5,000 barrels and from 0 psi pressure to 250 psi pressure. They have agreed to stay at 0 psi and now just request the 5,000 barrel rate. As far as seismic activity in your area nothing has been reported by USGS which monitors all earthquake activity in the world.

The well construction on the Slocombe #1 is sound and staff would report that the construction meets all our requirements. I can't really predict and am not at liberty to say how I think the Commission would respond in this case. They would take into account all facts on the case and make a bipartisan decision.

Please let me know how you wish to proceed as soon as possible and again please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Rene

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**From:** Evan Yoder [mailto:[evan.yoder@usd410.net](mailto:evan.yoder@usd410.net)]

**Sent:** Sunday, April 24, 2016 9:08 PM

**To:** Rene Stucky  
**Subject:** RE: Slocombe #1

Good morning Rene,

I read through the documents you sent and have a few questions. It looks like I need to write up the reasons why I am protesting. Do I email them to you as an attachment or is there a form letter to be mailed? I see it's mentioned several times about having land within 1/2 mile of the well. We're probably a mile away, does that make a difference? If I have a neighbor who wants to join the protest, can I list him along with me or does he need to come up with his own reasons and letter? From your experience, do these protests make a difference? Finally, this is a busy time of the year for a school principal, will this require a significant amount of time in a court or commission room? What do you see as a timeline?

Thanks for taking time to answer all these questions!

Evan

On Apr 22, 2016 3:49 PM, "Rene Stucky" <[r.stucky@kcc.ks.gov](mailto:r.stucky@kcc.ks.gov)> wrote:

Hi Evan,

Please let me know if you want a hearing by Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,

Rene

**From:** Evan Yoder [mailto:[evan.yoder@usd410.net](mailto:evan.yoder@usd410.net)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2016 3:54 PM  
**To:** Rene Stucky  
**Subject:** Re: Slocombe #1

Thanks Rene, we'll look this over and get back to you with our decision. Evan

On Mon, Apr 18, 2016 at 4:24 PM, Rene Stucky <[r.stucky@kcc.ks.gov](mailto:r.stucky@kcc.ks.gov)> wrote:

Hello Evan,

I have attached what we call the "10 day letter" that we send out to any protestants to an application. It sets out what you would need to do if you wanted to continue the protest to a hearing in front of the Commissioners. I wasn't sure where you wanted to go with this but this would be the next step. If you tell me you want to pursue this I will give it to legal to set up a hearing.

Let me know if you want to proceed. As always I would be happy to discuss this with you if you wish. I await your reply.

Sincerely,

Rene

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