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**January 27, 2017**

**Lori and Charles Torres**  
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**RE:** Application for Injection Authority  
Docket D-32,464  
Quail Oil & Gas, LC  
Sly #2-6 SWD  
Sec 6-T17S-R6E  
Morris County, Kansas

Dear Ms. And Mr. Torres:

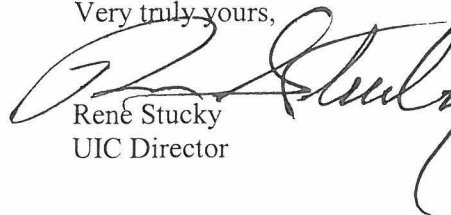
This letter acknowledges receipt of your protest/objection to the above-referenced application.

Please advise me within ten (10) days of receiving this letter if you feel a hearing should be scheduled in this matter. If a hearing is scheduled, you will be expected to participate in the hearing either in person or through legal counsel. Should you decide that you will not participate in a hearing, none will be scheduled and the application will be handled administratively and your protest will be noted. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires a hearing be held where significant interest is demonstrated. Failure to participate in the hearing process after filing a protest or objection indicates a lack of significant interest and no useful purpose would be served by holding a hearing if you, as opposing party, are not there to present testimony or cross-examine applicant's witnesses. If you are going to appear, you will receive a Notice of Hearing and should carefully comply with that Notice, including the requirement of pre-filed testimony. Any person requiring special accommodations under The Americans With Disabilities Act needs to give notice to the Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled hearing date. If you have questions regarding the hearing process, please contact John McCannon (316-337-6200) of our legal staff.

Commission staff has the duty to represent the public in general in recommending approval or denial of applications for injection or disposal well authority. One of the Commission's primary concerns is the protection of our groundwater and environment. If no hearing is held on this application, your objection will be taken into consideration by our staff in making a recommendation on this application. All of our staff geologists and technicians have qualified as expert witnesses and are sensitive to the concerns expressed by you and the citizens of our State.

Enclosed is a copy of the Conservation Division regulations regarding applications, hearings, and protestants. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Rene Stucky  
UIC Director

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Dear Mr. Stucky,

We are writing to you at this time in formal protest to the application by Quail Oil and Gas LC for permit to authorize injection of salt water in Morris County Sly 2-6 SWD NE NE SE Sec 6-17S-6E.

Two large concerns arise. Induced earthquake activity and contamination of water. Conclusive research has shown that most induced earthquakes in the United States are a result of the deep disposal of fluids (wastewater) related to oil and gas production.(fracking) It is possible for the toxins in these fluids to leech into ground water and drinking water sources. The USGS has confirmed evidence and reports of water contamination in North Dakota and West Virginia, to name a few. For every barrel of oil produced, 10-15 barrels of wastewater is produced! This disposal job lasts long after the drilling and fracking are done. Wasterwater has very high salt content and may also contain heavy metals and other contaminants.

Seismic activity can be induced at distances of 10 km or more away from the injection point and at significantly greater depths than injection. The site of the proposed injection well is within that proximity to several fresh water springs. 4.5-5.0 magnitude earthquakes have been induced by fluid injection in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Oklahoma started experiencing a massive increase in earthquake activity starting in 2009 in direct correlation to oil, gas and waste disposal activity expansion. In 2014 Oklahoma surpassed California in it's number of earthquakes. This is documented fact, not fiction.

We also have concerns as to the ability of the KCC to monitor and investigate the already 16,600 Class II wells in Kansas. Why add more? We need to learn from the experiences in Colorado, West Virginia, Oklahoma and North Dakota. Please be proactive and DENY the Quail Oil and Gas permit and any others that may follow. Kansas can be a leader!

Water is Life. Please put Planet and People before Profit.

Sincerely,



Lori and Charles Torres  
620-475-3632

Information obtained from EPA, USGS, KCC, GeoScience World, Inside Climate News, Seismological Research Letters and Oklahoma Geological Survery