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Sirs,

I have a domestic well for cattle located in the SW quarter of Section 16, of 127N & 71W, McPherson County. The well has been productive in spring and summer, unfortunately not productive in the fall and winter months. I have been in contact with Jim Goodman and now Ken Buhler with the SD DENR regarding this perplexing problem. The well is more than adequate at spring time pumping 5 gal/min for five hours in 2012, yet is dry in the fall and winter. The well is not rejuvenating after the irrigation has stopped and not reflecting the same status as the monitor well MP 80 D. This past season it became necessary to haul water beginning August 19th to the 32 head of yearling heifers. This is a well that in the recent past supplied a larger herd for the entire season. We do not have an exact understanding of ground waters. That is why I am concerned the increased pumping rate will deplete the wells water source even earlier in the season. I am requesting the SD DENR send staff to pump the well the spring of 2017 temporarily placing the request for increased cubic feet of water on hold until completion of the spring pumping. I believe this can be the most expeditious method of solving this problem thus avoiding a long wasteful process.

Thank you for your consideration.

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