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IN REPLY TO:

Subject: Final Draft Revised Rules Title 457, Chapter 24, for the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

Dear Interested Persons:

As you are likely aware, the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) is in the process of updating its rules related to the determination of fully appropriated basins, subbasins, or reaches. These rules are utilized by the Department in conducting its Annual Evaluation of Availability of Hydrologically Connected Water Supplies (used to determine if new areas within Nebraska should be designated as fully appropriated).

The Department previously sent you a letter in April informing you of public meetings it was holding across the state for input on its draft rules. That input has been reviewed and utilized to modify these rules. Thus, the Department will now be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. (CDT) at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 510 Talmadge Rd., Kearney, Nebraska, to receive comments on its final draft rules. The Department will also accept written comments on these draft rules either: 1) submitted at the September 17, 2013, hearing, or 2) submitted to the Department and received no later than 5:00 p.m. (CDT) September 16, 2013. Written comments may be mailed to:

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The final draft of the revised rules that will be the subject of the hearing September 17, 2013, is available at http://dnr.ne.gov/IWM/docs/DRAFT_RULES_CHANGE20130812.pdf. In addition, a redlined version of the draft revised rules showing changes to the current rules is available at http://dnr.ne.gov/IWM/docs/DRAFT_RULES_CHANGESredlinedfromcurrent.pdf. A redlined version of the draft revised rules showing changes made since the April 8, 2013, proposed draft is available at http://dnr.ne.gov/IWM/docs/DRAFT_RULES_CHANGESredlinedfromApril8.pdf. If you are unable to obtain a copy of these documents electronically, please contact Jesse Bradley of the Department at: 402-471-0586 or jesse.bradley@nebraska.gov to have a copy mailed to you.

Additional materials related to the development of these rules are provided in a timeline on the Department's website located at: http://dnr.ne.gov/IWM/docs/FAB_Timeline.pdf. These additional materials include multiple presentations, reports, draft methods, and supporting data utilized in the development of these draft rules.

The Department looks forward to receiving any comments you wish to make.