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Dear Mr. Van Dyke:

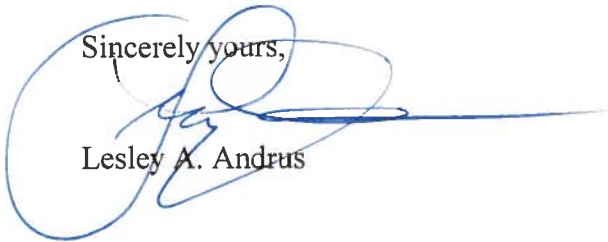
I received your recent letter and apologize for not attending to this matter as I have been traveling.

I must tell you I am a little distressed by the situation. Your letter states that development (use) of my water right must have been completed by October 1, 1999. It was and it was in active use from the time it was issued. However, your office failed to verify it until nine years after the 1999 date, at which time the water table had been so lowered I had to dig a well to have adequate water pressure. However, as you know my old system is still in place and can be switched on and used once the water table is replenished.

Under these circumstances – your office's failure to timely verify my use and the weather conditions that caused a drop in the water table – it hardly seems fair or equitable to terminate my water rights.

I am aware that there is a water bank into which I can deposit these rights. Perhaps that is an equitable compromise to this situation.

Sincerely yours,



Lesley A. Andrus