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JAMES E. RISCH
Governor

KARL J. DREHER
Director

RE: App For Transfer, Murtaugh Dairy

Dear John;

We have received your application to drill a replacement backup dairy well east of your existing well. While the application cannot be processed at this time due to our need to complete the Snake River Basin Adjudication claim reviews by the end of the year, we will process a request for an expedited drilling permit. Once you have a driller lined up and a construction start-date within 60 days, you can apply for the drilling permit. While you take all the risk that the transfer would not be approved, and the new well therefore not being usable, the risk would appear to be minimal in this situation. A request for an expedited approval, and an application for a drilling permit, are enclosed for your use.

It will be quite a while before I can start reviewing your application prior to advertising. We will eventually need your wife's signature on the application also, but you can take care of that when the time comes. Myself, along with almost everyone else in the Department, has "volunteered" to help finish up the SRBA – which doesn't leave time for much of anything else. The application will have to be advertised as required by law, and is subject to public protest. There does not appear to be a need for a detailed ESPA analysis or mitigation, but these could be required if a protest is received.

Regards,

James E. Stanton
Sr. Water Resource Agent

Cc: Brockway Engineering