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SOUTHERN REGION

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Dear Ms. Daubner:

I have researched the Department's records regarding the two dairies that you inquired about earlier this morning.

With regards to the Busman Dairy, located in the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 07 (T08S, R16E), the Department conducted a field investigation of the dairy on January 23rd, 2001. The investigation revealed that the dairy operation consisted of 760 milking cows, 125 dry cows, and 310 replacement heifers (50 @ 0-2 months, 50 @ 3-4 months, 70 @ 5-8 months, 70 @ 9-12 months, and 70 @ 13-15 months). Water is supplied to the dairy by three interconnected wells.

Department records also indicate that a water right transfer application has been filed in the name of John Busman - Busman Dairy. The transfer application proposes transferring 66 acre-feet of water for a dairy facility located in the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 07 (T08S, R16E). A dairy water use estimate, prepared by Robert Ohlensehlen, included with the transfer application identifies 59.9 acre-feet as the water requirement for a dairy consisting of 1,100 milking cows, 300 dry cows, and 250 heifers. When processed, the transfer application will be subject to public notice and protest.

With regards to the Soares dairy, examination of Department records indicates that there is a decreed water right, 36-10526 in the name of Howard and Iva Cantrell, appurtenant to the South West $\frac{1}{4}$ Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36 (T07S, R14E). The water right allows for the diversion of up to 13, 000 gallons of groundwater per day for stock water and domestic use.

If you have any questions, or need any further assistance, feel free to contact this office at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Corey Skinner'.

Corey Skinner, PE
Water Resource Engineer