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Subject: Water Right Claim No. 96-4173
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Good Afternoon Mr. Wasserburger,

We are in the process of receiving and data entering water right claims in your area, and have some questions regarding your claim. It appears that you may be claiming a component of a community water system operated by the Talache Water Association. If that is true, some changes may be needed in the nature in which this claim has been filed.

The claim you submitted online is based upon a previously filed statutory water right claim, no. 96-4173, for the domestic use of water from Talache Creek for one home. Statutory water right claims are never investigated or confirmed by the department, and serve only as a record of whatever evidence is submitted in support of the claim. That original claim was filed by Harold K and Helen L Maiden for their domestic use of water from Talache Creek, and was described as one of 7 homes served on that system. A subsequent Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership was submitted by Robert A. Privette in 2009 that included a map of the Telache Water Association, Inc. delivery system and reflected the location of the 7 homes served by it. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is currently monitoring an active diversion from Talache Creek for the Telache Water Association, and the Secretary of State records show the Talache Water Association Inc. as an active corporation in good standing. Additionally, you are listed as the current president of that association.

When a community water delivery system is in place, a water right claim or permit should be filed for the totality of that system, and it should be filed in the name of the entity that operates it. Are you filing a claim for an individual use of a water system separate from that of the Talache Water Association? Is the Talache Water Association still serving water to multiple homes at this location, and if so, will a separate claim be filed by the association for the water use in those homes? How many homes are still being served water from Talache Creek by the association?

Any information you can provide to clear this up will be greatly appreciated. If the claim you filed is for an individual component of a community water system, then the claim may need to be amended or withdrawn, in leu of a claim filed for the whole of the system by Talache Water Association. If your claim is for a separate water use on a private system, but the community system is still in operation, then an additional water right claim will still be needed for that community water use. Regardless of the answers to these questions, if you need any assistance amending your previous claim or filing a new one for the association, please feel free to contact our office and we will be happy to help.

Best Regards,

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