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Re: Sole Source Aquifer petition to the EPA for the Troutdale and
Unconsolidated Alluvium Aquifer System

Ms. Lentz:

My wife and I have lived in Vancouver since 1990, and believe that it is only common sense to protect our most precious resource, water. Though we cannot claim, as the people, The Chinook, to being here for aeons we believe that protecting this aquifer will assure its sanitary and beneficial uses for aeons to come as water is the source, and is crucial in the sustaining of life itself.

As the populations increase, and uses multiply, it becomes all that much more important to protect this resource. It is terribly crucial that the EPA designates this as a Sole Source Aquifer. Time is of the essence in this matter. Even if projections for our population increases do not achieve projections, water use and consumption will increase dramatically, which is why this valuable resource not only needs protection, but demands it.

We endorse and support the efforts by individuals and groups who have submitted the petition to the EPA. We encourage you to grant the designation of Troutdale and Unconsolidated Alluvium Aquifer System as our Sole Source Aquifer for Vancouver and Clark County. EPA standards should be set at the highest possible levels with compliance by any and all potential contamination sources to protect public human health interests on this vitally important and basic quality of life issue in our region.

Thank you, in advance, for your expected action and work regarding this most important "issue".

Till later then,

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