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Martha Lentz  
Office of Environmental Assessment  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,  
Region 10 (OEA-095)  
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RE: Troutdale Sole Source Aquifer Petition, Clark County, Washington

Ms. Lentz,

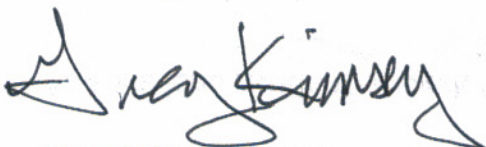
I am writing in support of the recently submitted petition that asks the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to designate the Troutdale Aquifer System in Clark County, Washington a sole source aquifer.

As a life long resident of Clark County and in my position as the elected County Auditor for Clark County, I am keenly aware of the population growth and increased commercial and industrial development that has occurred in Clark County and is projected to continue. To assist in accommodating this growth, as well as protecting our water source for current users, it is vitally important that the source of almost all potable water in the county be protected.

Designation of the Troutdale Aquifer System in Clark County, Washington as a sole source aquifer would promote awareness and improve management of the aquifer system.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Kimsey", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Greg Kimsey

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