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United States Environmental Protection Agency
State of South Dakota
Secretary of the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources
April 17, 2018

Dear Secretary,

It has come to our attention that Peter K. Roosevelt has applied for a permit to inject oil and gas production water into the existing 2-33 Alkali Federal well located in Section 33, Township 11, Range 1 East. This is in reference to Case No. 5-2017. This well is within only a few miles of a well owned by the Eckard Water Company which provides domestic water for livestock and several households in the area. The water in this well comes from the Minnelusa formation. This water is not of great quality to begin with and we certainly do not want it to get worse. This is the only source of water for several of these ranches. Without this water our houses, livestock, and wildlife would rely solely on rainfall which we don't receive a lot of in this semi-arid region.

We understand the need for oil and gas exploration, but feel the risk to our domestic water supplies is not worth it. For the above reasons we feel this permit should be rejected.

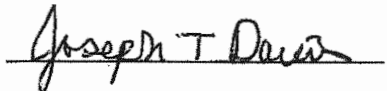
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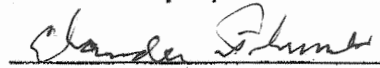
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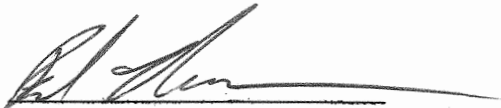
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State of South Dakota
Secretary of the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources
April 19, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

Quinto Ranch LLC would like to voice its opposition to a proposed permit to inject oil and gas production water into the existing 2-33 Alkali Federal well located on some federal property we currently lease for grazing. This well is very close to two water wells that we currently rely on for the only source of drinking water for our livestock. One of these wells is approximately 4000 feet deep in the Madison formation just below the Minnelusa, this well is approximately two miles from the proposed injection well. The Eckard Water Company also has a well nearby, that to the best of our knowledge and the engineers who have worked on it over the years gets its water from the Minnelusa formation. This is the same formation that the proposed injection well would be pumping waste water into. It is not of great quality, but is the sole source of water for six different ranches in the immediate area. These two wells are the only water sources for livestock, wildlife, and a few households in our sparsely populated area. We certainly don't want to risk having these wells contaminated. Please consider our concerns before moving forward with this permitting process.

Sincerely,

Brad Thomsen
Member Quinto Ranch LLC

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