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Corey Lyon  
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RE: Source Water Protection Plan

Dear Corey:

Thank you for meeting with me on June 7, 2010, to discuss the development of a source water protection plan for the City of Aurora.

Enclosed is a brochure that explains the steps that should be followed to successfully develop, adopt and implement a plan. In addition to getting the council's approval to develop a plan, it would be helpful to me if you could send a copy of your water emergency plan. I'll review it to see if it needs to be updated for source water protection considerations.

You may also want to know that I have spoken to a geologist at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment regarding the former filling station. They have confirmed with their test drilling that the plume of contamination has not moved to the south beyond the alley south of Main Street. The presence of ethylbenzene and xylene is most likely the result of a sampling error. A sample from the wells, analyzed just a few months previously, had "non-detect" results.

If you have any questions, I can be reached by telephone at 785/640-4701, by e-mail at [dhelmke@krwa.net](mailto:dhelmke@krwa.net) or by writing to 6847 SE 29th Street, Tecumseh, Kansas 66542-9571. Please be reminded that the KRWA website at <http://www.krwa.net> has news and information for water and wastewater utilities, including water rights, source water protection and training opportunities.

Sincerely,

DSH  
Enclosure  
c: KRWA

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