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April 19, 2017

Mr. Jason Coleman, P.E. General Manager High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 2930 Avenue Q Lubbock, TX 79411

Dear Mr. Coleman:

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Respectfully,

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