



## **Tri - Lakes Management District**

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Senator Rob Cowles  
Room 118 South  
State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Cowles:

The Tri-Lakes Management District, a lake district located in the Central Sands is very much interested in and supportive of legislation for groundwater protection.

As you probably know, our part of the state has seen a marked increase in high capacity wells in the past few decades (an increase from fewer than 100 in the early 1950's to more than 3200 wells today) and it is extremely concerning to us. Water is a valuable, but exhaustible resource. We strongly favor regulations and a permitting process that considers and evaluates cumulative effects prior to new permits being issued. The Central Sands area has already experienced lakes and streams drying up (e.g. Long Lake and the Little Plover River) and we feel the need **now** to address this issue before more examples confront us.

Water is a precious resource that needs to be protected for the future good of all. The groundwater belongs to everyone and we must all work together to find solutions that are good for all. What we need is cooperation by all parties to resolve and build a sustainable groundwater management program. We hope that you will consider our concerns as you work on groundwater legislation.

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