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Ms. Breiner,

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has reviewed your August 4, 2022, letter discussing the Wilton Area Sinkhole Filling Project. It is our understanding that the sinkhole will be filled with materials obtained from a spoils pile located near the sinkhole site.

The location of the project area was mapped in relation to wellhead protection areas, glacial drift aquifers, and existing wells (map attached). Although the project site is not located over a defined glacial drift aquifer or within a sensitive groundwater area, there are several wells located in the vicinity of the project site.

We do not object to the proposed sinkhole filling project as long as the fill material does not contain contaminants that could negatively impact groundwater quality. In addition, care should be taken to avoid spills of any materials that may have an adverse effect on groundwater quality. All spills must be immediately reported to this Department and appropriate remedial actions performed.

Please feel free to give me a call at 328-5213 if you have any questions.

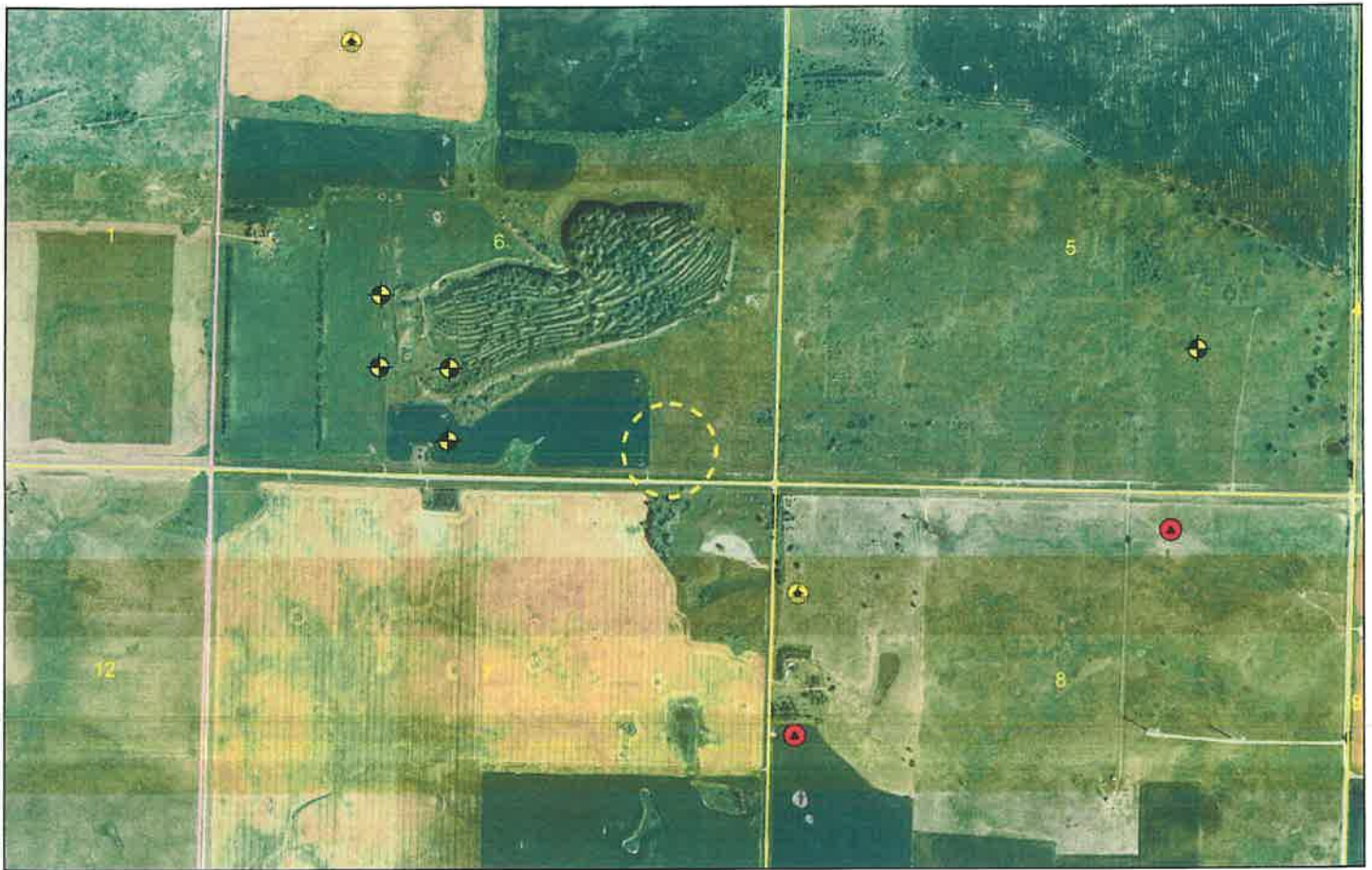
Sincerely,



Carl Anderson
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NDDEQ – Division of Water Quality

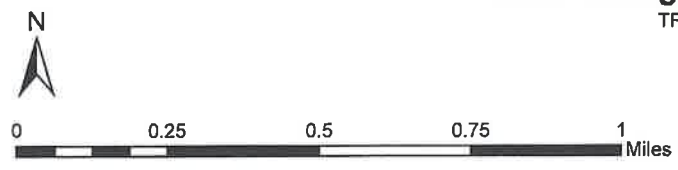
Attachments: Site Map

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Response to Advisory letter regarding Wilton sinkhole emergency - electronic only
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Carl Anderson



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| | Area of Interest | | Domestic Well |
| | Aquifer | | Observation Well |
| | Sensitive GW Area | | Stock Well |
| | Twnshp & Rng | | |
| | Section | | |

Wilton Emergency Sinkhole
 TRS: T142N R79W Sec. 6
 Burleigh County



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