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Mr. Richard Sims
Chairman, Water Resources Board
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Dear Dick,

This letter follows our telephone discussion and reports on progress the DGGs Water Well Data Program since the last meeting of the Water Resources.

The USGS Watstore system team in Anchorage has been increased to four full time and 2 part time personnel. The capacity is 50 wells per month. The staff is working on the backlog of data in the files as well as incoming data. And the computer coverage of the state is improving.

During recent meetings we have developed a processing plan for incoming water well forms (see enclosed copy).

Five drillers have sent forms to this office so far. Brent and I made a presentation at a recent meeting of the Alaska Water Well Drillers Association. The meeting went fairly well and the drillers seemed to take a more agreeable attitudes as they heard the history of the law, etc., however they still generally disliked the law. Several suggestions were made by drillers on details of the program which we will implement to make for easier filing of data.

To force compliance with the law we have decided to write a letter informing drillers that we will notify the Division of Occupational Licensing if well logs are not submitted within 30 days. This procedure has now been approved by the Attorney General's Office. The Division of Occupational Licensing has been notified of our intent, but we need to have more discussion and better coordination with that division.

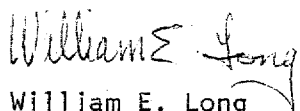
Les Buckholz of the Municipality of Anchorage will send copies of logs he receives with drilling permits to DGGs. His organization had not been sending logs to any organization for about 6 months due to oversight after municipality reorganization. Division of Forest, Land and Water Management will receive copies of logs from us for water rights purposes.

We have had several conferences with U.S.G.S. Water Resources Division and are preparing a 5 or 10 years Alaska water resources plan which will make federal funding more successful for Alaska as the U.S.G.S. is emphasizing long range cooperative programs.

In summary the water well data program is in operation and will computerize about 600 wells this year either from backlog or newly drilled wells. Drillers are still resisting cooperation but the new, tough approach should force improved response from the drilling contractors. By the April meeting these responses should be beginning to appear. However, it might take a few test cases to really get general driller participation.

Your interest in this program is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William E. Long". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

William E. Long
Hydrologist

cc: Jeff Haynes, Deputy Commissioner, DNR