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WATER RESOURCES BOARD

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Dear Bruce:

In December 1980 we sent a letter to the Governor requesting action on establishment of a hydrologist and water resources manager job series within the state personnel system. Governor Hammond responded by directing your agency to look into the situation. At our March meeting in Juneau you gave a presentation on the prospects of a hydrologist job series and on the problems of the state personnel system in general.

At our most recent meeting we had an update on the progress of the hydrologist job series and on personnel problems. It appears the hydrologist job series is close to becoming established with the work on the water resource manager series a little further behind. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for getting the process started.

At the meeting we again heard the litany by managers on the difficulty of getting personnel actions accomplished. No one blamed individuals but rather there was a consenus that, as you stated in your presentation last March, for the Division of Personnel to work properly and in a timely manner, more staff for the Division of Personnel is necessary. By copy of this letter we are informing Governor Hammond that we have heard and seen ample evidence that staff for support agencies such as the Division of Personnel must be increased to meet the needs of line agencies like the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation if they are to fulfill the increasing responsibilities that are thrust upon them.

Again, thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely, Richard H. Sims Chairman

cc: Governor Jay S. Hammond Commissioner William R. Hudson