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Dear Colleen Draper:

**Re: RM of Springfield – Public Hearing Decision**

The department received public comments on your application for an Environment Act licence for your proposed water treatment plant upgrades and well field expansion development located in the Rural Municipality of Springfield.

The public comments covered a wide range of concerns including the protection of Manitoba's water resources, the financial implications of the project, the adequacy of public engagement, specific elements of the environmental assessment reports and processes, project splitting and others. They also included concerns about excluding the well field expansion in the original proposal, potential risks to the local groundwater and surface water sources, and the proposed water treatment approach, evaluation of alternate technologies and well locations. A team of provincial technical experts also reviewed and commented on the proposal.

The department sent these comments to you for your responses. Your responses are satisfactory. All comments will be available on the public registry at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6013.1/index.html>.

I have not made a decision on this Environment Act licence. The licensing and assessment process will address all comments. The ongoing assessment process will identify mitigation measures to address the environmental effects. Public and expert engagement enhanced our understanding of all concerns and environmental impacts.

As per the process, the next step is to determine if the Clean Environment Commission needs to conduct a public hearing. At this time, I am not recommending a public hearing to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change. The department will notify the members of the public who participated in the assessment process of this decision. Anyone can appeal this decision to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change by March 2, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Jay Mak, Senior Environmental Engineer, Environmental Approvals Branch at [Jay.Mak@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Jay.Mak@gov.mb.ca) or 204-619-0709.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By  
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Enclosure

c. Jay Mak