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Re: Critical Aquifer Recharge Planning

Dear Jim:

This is to commend you and your gang on three things.

One is Keith Folkerts' great job of presenting material. I'm impressed.

Another is the array of expertise you assembled at recent meetings, especially last weeks (17 December). Listening to the hydrogeologists was interesting and useful. As were the comments from the Health District folks.

The third thing is the handout from USGS, 'Predicting Ground-Water Vulnerability to Nitrate...' In an earlier letter I raised questions about subjective vulnerability indexes. The USGS fact sheet fully answers my concerns. Their analytical approach looks good, they had a large sample, and they validated against a different large sample. Whether their answers come out plausible I don't know, but their method seems excellent.

See you next year.



Don Flora