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Hi Jean,

I hope you are doing well, I'm sure glad the weather has started to cool off.

Now on to groundwater monitoring. The permitted CAFOs are still in the process of getting their well locations approved. Some well locations and plans have been approved on a temporary basis, because it has been hit or miss on "finding" water. Wells are to be drilled in the shallow aquifer and some locations have a really shallow basalt layer. Ecology approved some plans with the initial ideal that they would sample and then possibly have to relocate a well etc. But no Permittee has turned in a report with their annual report yet, so that is why you are not finding the data. The quote in the J&K Inspection report means they are still on track with getting their monitoring wells done, this was probably just misinterpreted by the WSDA inspectors as they probably just noted that the groundwater monitoring is occurring, without realizing what stage the monitoring is in.

I'm anticipating some updates soon from several of the Permittees and I hope to get some new applications for CAFO permits soon too.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions, sometimes it may just be easier for me to tell you yes or no versus you trying to find information that may not be available yet in the database.

All the best,

Heather Patt