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Ms. Jessica Bean
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Ms. Bean:

LINN Energy utilizes process water as an industrial customer of the West Kern Water District in our petroleum extraction operations. Any curtailment of allocated water would have an immediate adverse economic impact on our operations. While the extent of the impact is indeterminable at this time due to the unknown of any potential curtailment we offer the following information:

- Any loss of process water will have a direct impact on reducing our extraction operations in western Kern County
- A slowdown in production operations will reduce employment levels
- In the West Kern Water District area LINN has approximately 80 employees
- On most days we have an estimated 250 contract employees engaged in our business
- Several of these employees reside on the west side of Kern County and have a considerable spend with the area merchants and services.

It is our understanding that at this time industrial and commercial customers will be exempt from mandatory curtailments of "process" water. In the event that a curtailment becomes mandatory a phased in approach should be considered. This will allow an industrial user to adjust to any changes, minimizing disruptions to a customer's business while securing economically viable alternatives, if any, such as finding other sources of water or changing our processes.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide comments. If any changes to the current plan are to occur having a dialog allowing for an exchange of ideas will be beneficial for all parties concerned.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trent R. Rosenlieb".

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