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I would respectfully like to take this opportunity to explain our concerns regarding the proposed changes to MWELO.

Our organization has been in the Irrigation Industry for 40 years when the industry itself was in its infancy. We have actively pursued the proper management and conservation of our most precious water resources. While we understand the need for MWELO we must support that need with grass roots knowledge that has been time tested. I am confident that much research was done, however multi-sourced research if not properly aggregated can produce an end result that simply by the nature of the blending of information becomes impossible to achieve. It appears that we are dictating the end result without mapping a reasonable route to achieve it. I highly suggest that you gather a group of industry experts and manage to the result as opposed to dictating the result. Automobile manufacturers always live and die by the claims of the maximum performance of their vehicles, however the only way to achieve them is with the properly skilled driver at the wheel. The Irrigation Industry has many resources for "Best Management Practices" or BMP's, that could be used as a resource to manage our way to the complete and satisfactory achievement of our goals.

We have several industry experts and veterans on our staff that would happily sit on any committee in any forum to offer our services to possibly better blend the data that you have or even assist in coordinating a set of BMP's. The impact of the draft as it exists today could have a variety of devastating short and long term effects, both physical and economic, if not amended by experts and organizations that live and breath these things daily.

I am attaching some position papers from associate organizations that we actively consult with both ASIC and IA. We wholeheartedly support these organizations and their positions on this, and would ask that you take careful consideration of them prior to final positioning. As previously stated I would offer my own time to meet with anyone necessary to discuss these items.

Best Regards

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