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My name is Gary Moss 3185 N Rd 90 W Rexford, Ks 67753.

My comments are in favor of the district wide LEMA. I have farmed in Sheridan county since the late 1970s and all of our irrigation wells are in the Sheridan 6 LEMA.

It is always hard to implement change. Which is exactly what we found when we formed our Sheridan 6 LEMA. The corn price was over \$7/Bu. We thought this was the worst time to be cutting back but knew we needed to do something as we were renozzling sprinklers every year due to depletion. What we have learned over the last 5 years

is that we were wasting water with the old mentality of keep the wells running so as not to get behind. And that you can raise as good a corn crop on less water.

With the use of moisture probes, it helps to keep the wells off without wondering if you are getting behind and also lets you know when to turn them back on.

I know there is concern about the boundaries but I don't know how you do anything without boundaries. Case in point is the Kansas, Nebraska border. where things are different just across the state line. I know there are concerns about the blue and yellow areas in the same township and the thinking that it is not fair to the blue

areas. My argument is that we were all blue areas at one time and the time to do something is before you become red. Knowing what I know now, after 5 years of our LEMA, I wish we would have started cutting back sooner. Before we became a high priority area.

In closing, I just want say that as a 4th generation farmer with two sons and grandkids that will be 5th and 6th generation farmers, I would rather pump a short amount of water for a lot of years, rather than a lot of water for a short amount of years.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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