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The Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District is considering a proposal to sell 6.3 million gallons per day of sewer plant output to a proposed Cronus Chemical plant in Tuscola.

Approximately half of this water will be diverted from the Saline Branch of the Salt Fork River, which is an ecologically significant waterway for Champaign and Vermilion counties and is used by many for recreation and drinking water. Removing this amount of water from the Salt Fork could have a devastating effect on the river wildlife, especially during droughts like the one last summer. This potential water sale is being pushed through with legislative pressure under a hastily drafted UCSD water-use policy and without a proper environmental impact study.

I encourage the UCSD trustees not to support the sale of water to Cronus Chemical. Please join me in opposition by contacting UCSD Board President Diana Lenik at dleniku-csd.com.

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