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The New York Times' May 20 front-page article about the steady depletion of the aquifer that underlies plains states from Nebraska to Texas adds a cautionary note to the decisions on allocating water and formulating final policies on selling its water to businesses faced by the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District Board of Trustees.

Those decisions will have a long term impact on the Mahomet Aquifer. The May 8 board meeting was attended by a large number of residents from Champaign, Urbana and the surrounding areas that will be affected by any decision.

The comments were well-considered. We hope the Board will carefully review them before making any decision which would dispose of our very valuable resource, water.

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