

Mahomet Aquifer Consortium
Position on the Sole Source Aquifer Designation for the Mahomet Aquifer

Approved motion:

At this time, the Mahomet Aquifer Consortium will remain neutral on designating the Mahomet Aquifer as a sole source aquifer. Our understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of the sole source aquifer program is incomplete.

Position talking points:

After a review of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Sole Source Aquifer Program, our understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of the sole source aquifer program is incomplete. Thus, the Mahomet Aquifer Consortium has decided to remain neutral, neither for nor against, on this matter. MAC will not oppose or support groups that seek this designation for the Mahomet Aquifer.

MAC recently commissioned Patrick Engineering to review the implementation of the Sole Source Aquifer program in USEPA Region 5 (Illinois and other Midwestern states). Due to the limited scope of this investigation, the study results are inconclusive, and thus our understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of the sole source aquifer program is incomplete.

MAC is concerned about the Mahomet aquifer and other sources of water supply in the 15 county region. Landfills pose a potential serious risk to water quality and should be carefully sited, designed, and operated. MAC is not convinced that SSA designation is the best alternative to protect the aquifer, but is willing to pursue other avenues to protect our water supplies.