



REINHOLD
INDUSTRIES



CITY OF DURHAM



TOWN OF NEWCOMB



MINNESOTA DNR

Town of Newcomb

If Reinhold Industries started to ship water, the Newcomb would happily receive it. The town has a low population, but you need plenty of water for irrigation in the mainly agricultural town. It won't be long before your own water supply is not enough, and then crops will start to fail.

Newcomb ships crops all around, including Lakeville and other Minnesota cities. They've benefited from the use of your groundwater in the form of produce. Now that your reserves are running low, it only seems right that they help you in turn.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

At the DNR, it is your responsibility to protect Minnesota's natural resources, including groundwater. Reinhold industries is asking you to issue a permit allowing the shipping of groundwater out of the state of Minnesota. You know that our aquifers are precious, and though Minnesota is richer in water than many states, parts of the state are projected to face their own water shortages.

Reinhold Industries

Your private company is new to Lakeville, ready to provide jobs and make some real money. Your plan is to take groundwater from a Minnesota aquifer and sell it to drought affected cities.

Minnesota has plenty of water, other cities need it and are willing to pay, you'll provide jobs, and get rich in the process! It's a win-win scenario, as long as you can get the Minnesota DNR to sign off.

City of Durham

In the city of Durham, you've been going through a bad drought. You no longer have enough water to meet your prior levels of consumption and have had to put some restrictions on water usage, like when people can water their lawns.

If Reinhold Industries' permit goes through, you would be one of the places receiving water. Before the drought, your water consumption was similar to Lakeville's, and you would plan to go back to that type of usage. Why should a lawn in Lakeville get to be green when yours must be brown?



LAKEVILLE RESIDENT

pro-shipping water



LAKEVILLE RESIDENT

anti-shipping water



LAKEVILLE RESIDENT

undecided



LAW MAKER

Undecided

You have been hearing some talk about shipping water from Minnesota to other people who need it, but are unsure of what you think. The issue seems complicated with many different points of view. Before you make up your mind, you want to hear more from everyone.

Start making a list of questions that you think should be answered in order to determine what to do.

Law Maker

While you may have your own opinions, you also have a duty to the people who elected you. Listen to what they have to say to help make your decision. Before beginning, ask yourself the following questions:

- Would you make an unpopular decision if you believed it would benefit the most people?
- Would you make a decision that was bad for you personally if you believed that it would help others?
- What is the most important thing that elected officials should consider when making decisions?

Pro-Shipping

You are a Lakeville Resident who is in favor of allowing Reinhold Industries to ship Minnesota groundwater out of state.

Brainstorm a list of reasons someone might have this opinion. Is there anything that would make you change your mind?

Anti-Shipping

You are a Lakeville Resident who is against allowing Reinhold Industries to ship Minnesota groundwater out of state.

Brainstorm a list of reasons someone might have this opinion. Is there anything that would make you change your mind?