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Dear Water Suppliers in the Red River watershed,

The Drought Monitor map shows significant improvement in the Red River watershed with only 25% still in the severe drought category with the remainder of the watershed in moderate drought or abnormally dry.

According to the State Drought Plan triggers, this means the watershed can now be **moved to the Drought Watch Phase**. The previous goal of reducing water use to 75% above January use **has been relaxed**. However, continued water conservation efforts are still needed.

Water Supplier Actions Needed

1. **All Water Suppliers:**
 - a) Provide conservation information and request customers to implement voluntary measures to reduce water use.
 - b) The DNR Water Conservation Reporting/ESP Water system is open for early reporting if you wish to begin reporting your conservation efforts that you implemented this summer at <http://espwater.org>
2. **Change from Restrictive Phase:** If your community implemented stronger conservation measures during the Drought Restrictive Phase, these may be relaxed if your water supply situation is sustainable. If you have storage capacity concerns, well limitations or other issues, you may continue to keep strong local ordinances to protect your water supply.
3. **Water Supply Issues:** Please alert your local [DNR hydrologists](#) to any water supply concerns or issues during the fall.

Best regards,

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