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Dr. Berry H. (Nick) Tew, Jr.
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Dear Dr. Tew:

Thank you for meeting with me on October 13, 2017, to discuss the Alabama Water Agencies Working Group (AWAWG). After careful consideration, I have decided to disband the AWAWG and rely upon the process as defined in the Alabama Water Resources Act (Code of Alabama, 1975, §9-10B-1, et seq.) to guide any enhancements to water resources planning and management in Alabama. The various reports and information developed under AWAWG will provide valuable information towards this effort.

Under the Alabama Water Resources Act, the Alabama Water Resources Commission (AWRC) is comprised of members appointed by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House who represent both specific areas of the state and individual water use sectors. They are charged with advising the Governor, the Legislature, the ADECA Director, and the Division Chief of the Alabama Office of Water Resources (OWR) on "all matters regarding the waters of the state."   In addition, with the impending release of the water resource assessments by your office and the Office of Water Resources, the waters of the state appear to meet both current and future needs for some time to come. I have therefore asked the ADECA Director for OWR to continue its efforts to update water-use and availability summaries for the state and to refine future water-use forecasts as needed.   I would greatly appreciate your agency continuing to work with OWR on water resource assessments.

I want to thank you for your service to the citizens of Alabama as chair of the AWAWG, and I look forward to working with you in your duties as the State Geologist and Oil and Gas Supervisor of Alabama.

Sincerely,

Kay Ivey
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