



**Nebraska Wellhead Protection Network
*Meeting Notes***

Friday, March 15, 2013 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Nebraska State Capitol Building, Lincoln, Nebraska

March 15, 2013 - Legislative Breakfast at the Nebraska State Capitol Building, Lincoln, NE
Twenty Network members and 18 Senators and their representatives attended the Legislative Breakfast on March 15th. In addition, nine students and their teacher, Maggie Tiller, from Gothenburg and eight students and their instructor, Klark Knipe, attended the breakfast. Students shared their concerns and perspectives about groundwater issues with the Senators. During this informal event, invited guests, Senators and their representatives, could discuss and learn about the State's groundwater issues with Network members. Several displays in the room highlighted groundwater issues such as nitrates, economic impacts of drought, wellhead protection, as well as displays from each group of students sharing their concerns. The agencies providing displays included: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Nebraska Health and Human Services, Metropolitan Utilities District, and The Groundwater Foundation.

Both teachers commented that this was a wonderful learning opportunity for their students both from learning about water issues, but also about the governmental process. Many of the Senators were quite impressed by the students and appreciated the time they took to be there to share their thoughts with them.