

Reference #
16593261

Public Hearings

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26-0431: A bill for an ordinance authorizing a moratorium on data centers / 26-0431: Un proyecto de ordenanza que autoriza una moratoria sobre los centros de datos.

First Name / Nombre
Shayla

Last Name / Apellido
Bezjak

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 3 / Distrito 3

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Dear Council Member,

I am writing to urge you to make Denver's proposed data center moratorium more than a temporary pause. The moratorium only matters if the City uses this year to write and pass a strong, enforceable data center ordinance that protects communities before the next approval, expansion, permit, or utility agreement moves forward.

Data centers cannot and should not be treated like ordinary businesses. These facilities have major impacts on energy use, water demand, diesel pollution, noise, heat, grid reliability, public infrastructure costs, and public health.

I am asking you to support a moratorium process that includes:

1. Strong community representation on the task force or working group, especially from disproportionately impacted communities where data centers are currently proposed or under construction, like Elyria-Swansea;
2. A prohibition on new large data center construction in disproportionately impacted communities, including Globeville, Elyria-Swansea, and other neighborhoods already carrying cumulative burdens from industrial pollution, diesel traffic, highways, displacement, heat, flooding risk, and historic disinvestment;
3. Strong limits on diesel backup generators, including a strict requirement that all backup

generators meet Tier 4 Final emissions standards or cleaner; real-time public runtime reporting; independent emissions-control inspections; automatic shutdown when emissions controls fail; and permit consequences, fines, and expansion limits for violations;

4. A strong ordinance that ends by-right approvals and requires special review, public hearings, and full disclosure of energy use, water demand, diesel generators, emissions, noise, heat, wastewater, grid impacts, and infrastructure costs;

4. No public subsidies for data centers, including tax breaks, abatements, discounted utility arrangements, public infrastructure subsidies, or public financing that shifts the cost of private data center growth onto Denver residents, ratepayers, water customers, workers, or small businesses;

6. No loopholes during the moratorium for new approvals, expansions, phased applications, permit amendments, utility agreements, or energization;

7. Ongoing resident oversight after any ordinance is passed, with public reporting, enforcement authority, and real consequences for violations.

While the current data-centers are going up in a district outside my own, I have no doubt that other historically immigrant and low-income neighborhoods will be next. As always, these neighborhoods go overlooked and underserved, until the city wants something from us. Please use the moratorium year to write enforceable protections, not vague recommendations shaped by corporations and lobbyists.

Sincerely,

Shayla Bezbek

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16593317

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First Name / Nombre
Julia

Last Name / Apellido
Martinez-Bezjak

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 9 / Distrito 9

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Dear Council Member,

I am a life-long Globeville resident writing to urge you to make Denver's proposed data center moratorium more than a temporary pause. The moratorium only matters if the City uses this year to write and pass a strong, enforceable data center ordinance that protects communities before the next approval, expansion, permit, or utility agreement moves forward.

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Sincerely,

Julia Martinez Beznak

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16593326

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First Name / Nombre
John

Last Name / Apellido
Bezjak

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 9 / Distrito 9

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

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Sincerely,

John Bezjak

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First Name / Nombre
Kristin

Last Name / Apellido
Jett

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 7 / Distrito 7

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Hello. As a concerned resident of neighboring Arvada, I urge you to pass this moratorium on data center bans. As you well know most of Denver is facing a severe drought. We're already on water restrictions and summer hasn't even started yet. As I'm certain you're also aware, our local energy company, Xcel, is incapable of meeting our already existing energy needs while meeting the legally mandated clean energy requirements. We all know that data centers require obscene amounts of both these resources that are already precarious and that real residents of Colorado— not just this zip code— depend on for literal existence. Now is not the time to leave the door open for any data center project anywhere in Colorado, and I urge you to take this step (and all further!!) to protect our natural resources, our environment, our people, and our communities.

I would also like to bring your attention to Box Elder County and the recent struggle there. When the board members decided to push through the data center approval in spite of significant local opposition, they are now experiencing social stigma, boycotting of their personal business, and the local community is bringing it to the ballot. Please listen to your constituents and your neighbors.

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16594144

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First Name / Nombre

Laurel

Last Name / Apellido

Taylor

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:

I don't know / No sé mi número de distrito

I am... / Estoy...

FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

The rush to build these massive AI data centers are predicated on racism and classism, not to mention the water use. The mere idea that Denver is considering this proposal is abhorrent. You ask us to ration water because of drought and want to steal 80,000 gallons from us to cool computers instead of helping the people. Shame on you.

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First Name / Nombre

Heather

Last Name / Apellido

Kilpatrick

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:

District 3 / Distrito 3

I am... / Estoy...

FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

As a resident of the city of Denver, and the state of Colorado, i'm completely opposed to construction of data centers in our state. The environmental impacts are well known, and the financial impacts are more than we can take on. Our lives are worth more than this.

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First Name / Nombre
Herardo

Last Name / Apellido
Martinez

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 10 / Distrito 10

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Good evening, Council members. My name is Herardo Martinez. I am a Denver resident, and I urge you to vote "yes" on Bill 26-0431 to enact a temporary moratorium on data centers.

Data centers have an incredibly heavy footprint. They pull massive amounts of electricity from our grid and use millions of gallons of water for cooling, yet they offer virtually no long-term local employment and operate right next to where people live. Because the state legislature recently failed to pass regulatory guardrails, it is entirely up to Denver to protect its own neighborhoods.

Without this temporary pause, we risk locking in developments that could spike utility costs for small businesses and residents, compromise our clean energy targets, and disrupt local communities with constant low-frequency noise. A one-year pause is a reasonable, responsible step to ensure that if these facilities build in Denver, they do so on our terms with strict, transparent regulations in place. Thank you for your time and your support of this bill.

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First Name / Nombre
Rebecca

Last Name / Apellido
Dyson

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 10 / Distrito 10

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Not only is the state of Colorado in a drought, but the world is in an environmental crisis. Water is running out. This resource is far too precious to be wasted on something as unnecessary and villainous as data centers. These data centers serve absolutely no purpose for the average human and will, in fact, make many people's lives harder.

Aside from their disgusting abuse of water and electricity, they are massive polluters. The neighborhoods of Globeville and Elyria-Swansea have suffered enough! How many years of neglect and disrespect and outright harm must they take before we treat the residents of these neighborhoods with the same dignity with which we would treat residents of Cherry Creek? Let's not force more black and brown people to suffer! Do not allow these data centers to ruin our ecosystem and surveil us! Moratorium now! And close all the existing ones too, while we're at it!

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First Name / Nombre
Katie

Last Name / Apellido
Behrmann

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 3 / Distrito 3

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

I'm not sure how Denver plans on managing its water. We are in a period of drought, with water restrictions and morose signs of climate change all around us—dry lake beds, virtually no snowpack...data centers use the little potable water we have left. And then of course their significant energy needs contribute to climate change in the most disgusting and imprisoned positive feedback loop. We don't need data, but we do need water as a species. Get real.

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First Name / Nombre
Laura

Last Name / Apellido
Sylvers

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 7 / Distrito 7

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

It is no secret how damaging AI data centers are to communities. Any job growth benefit is short term, negative impacts are forever. We are in a water crisis that is only deepening, and to divert our limited resources to a data center would be criminal. Utility prices are already unaffordable for many, and would skyrocket as data centers strain our grid. Taps are running dry across the country in areas that neighbor data centers, and a life without reliable water access is a devastating reality we're headed for all too soon. Don't allow this to expedite. Data centers offer nothing, and take so much. If there's ever an opportunity to use regulatory power to protect neighbors and constituents, the moment is now. Thank you.

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First Name / Nombre
Aisha

Last Name / Apellido
Neal

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Data centers directly harm marginalized communities all over the country. This winter in Colorado was abnormally dry with very little snow. Climate temperatures continue to rise year over year and this year will be no different. We are in a global drought. Colorado as a whole WILL suffer greatly from these data centres. They will be stealing water and comfort and safety from citizens.

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First Name / Nombre
Michelle

Last Name / Apellido
LeJeune

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 6 / Distrito 6

I am... / Estoy...
AGAINST the item / en CONTRA del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Energy and water resources and the impact on vulnerable populations are my chief concerns about data centers anywhere. Geotech and any other company who have already built or who try to build a data center in Denver needs to be made to pay up to offset all present past and future costs. City council members who vote in favor of data centers should check themselves. By that I mean they need to switch their stance and vote against data centers by approving this Denver data center moratorium. Work for the community, city council, not for the data centers!.

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First Name / Nombre
Sherry

Last Name / Apellido
Brockgreitens

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 4 / Distrito 4

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:
Data centers are known carcinogens for people and the environment. We cannot sacrifice our well being for a destructive entity of AI. Please support putting a moratorium on data centers.

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16595159

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First Name / Nombre
Sharon

Last Name / Apellido
Pearson

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 4 / Distrito 4

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:
Please vote in favor of a moratorium on data centers in Denver. Our water crisis is serious enough without thinking about using it to cool data centers. That and the noise and other pollution they cause is reason enough for a moratorium. Thank you.

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16595377

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First Name / Nombre
Jonna

Last Name / Apellido
Graulich

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 1 / Distrito 1

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:
We DO NOT need AI or data centers. We NEED clean air, water, and the earth. I am opposed to any data centers for AI being built anywhere, and absolutely not in an already polluted metropolitan area of Denver.

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16595428

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First Name / Nombre

Amanda

Last Name / Apellido

Rea

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:

District 1 / Distrito 1

I am... / Estoy...

FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

No more data centers! We are in a historic drought! Why should our neighborhoods be sacrificed for the speculation of billionaires? No to data centers! Not in Globeville, not in Elyria Swanson, not in Commerce City. Nowhere!

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16596281

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First Name / Nombre
Cody

Last Name / Apellido
Ke

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:

I am... / Estoy...

FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Dear Committee Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Cody Ke. I am a senior undergraduate Computer Science student at the University of Denver and resident of Lakewood, Colorado. I have no affiliations to any groups or organizations advocating for nor against data center development. I am doing a supervised study with Dr. Benjamin Xie, DU Assistant Professor of Computer Science, on the topic of data center development and am writing with the hope of further informing you on the consequences of data center development. The testimony I am providing today are my own personal views based on my research and not that of Dr. Xie nor the University of Denver. I am writing today in support of Denver Bill 26-0431 for a moratorium on data centers. Particularly, I would like to provide insights into the creation of guardrails around the use of energy and water, and concerns over noise and air pollution as mentioned in Section 3 of the bill.

Newer AI data centers use as much power as 100,000 or more homes or about the same number of homes as the neighborhoods of Green Valley Ranch, Five Points, Capital Hill, Central Park, Hampden, Hampden South, Montbello, West Wood, Mar Lee, and Bear Valley combined (Gorey, 2025; City and County of Denver, 2026). This raises an important question of how will utilities and/or data centers generate on-site this additional power? There is no perfect solution

here. While solar and wind use the least water, their land use is significantly greater than that of fossil fuels (Gorey, 2025). However, fossil fuels produce much more air pollution (Gorey, 2025). Air pollution may damage the environment by increasing the acidity of soil and fresh water sources, reducing plant growth and contributing to global warming. This negatively alters habitats which, in turn, harms the local wildlife, agriculture and water quality (UCAR Center for Science Education, n.d.). Even biofuels may cause air and water pollution (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, n.d.). Nuclear solutions such as small modular reactors (SMRs) proposed in Maryland HB0120 may be able to meet and exceed minimum large-scale data center power requirements as defined under Colorado HB26-1030 and SB26-102 at 30-100MW respectively, with "a power capacity of up to 300 MW(e) per unit" (Liou, 2023). Additionally, SMRs take up less land, are more affordable, require less frequent refueling, and have more passive and inherent safety mechanisms compared to conventional nuclear reactors (Liou, 2023). However, the technology is still relatively new and unproven in the United States (Liou, 2023). Despite the potential of SMRs and other emerging technologies, no currently proven energy solutions exist that fully address the environmental impacts of energy demands as a result of data centers. Regarding water usage, large-scale data centers may use as much water everyday as 50,000 people (Gorey, 2025). The primary reason behind this water consumption is the cooling of servers. The two most common cooling solutions, evaporative and closed-loop cooling, each have their own advantages and disadvantages when it comes to the environment. Evaporative water cooling uses the most water as the water used cannot be reclaimed and recycled. Closed-loop water cooling does allow for the water used to be recycled and uses less water overall; however, it uses more energy (Gorey, 2025). As was proposed in Colorado HB26-1030, a potential solution is water free cooling solutions such as immersion cooling. Immersion cooling uses synthetic fluids rather than water to cool servers. Inherently they use the least amount of water with the downside of higher initial costs. Over time however, lower operating costs from reduced energy and water usage are able to offset the cost to use them (Crosley, 2026). In addition to the impact on water consumption, an often overlooked environmental impact of data centers is noise pollution. Under Denver's Code of Ordinances Chapter 36 - Noise Control, noise measurements are taken in dB(A). This method of measurement is insufficient when it comes to data centers. According to the Industrial Noise & Vibration Centre (INVC) data centers largely produce low frequency noises which are not measured well in dB(A) (INVC, n.d.). This means while noise measurements may be within Denver regulations, the lower frequencies will still be audible. Rather than measuring noise in dB(A), measurements should be taken across a low-frequency narrow-band spectrum with specific acceptable levels determined by the applicable governing bodies (INVC, n.d.). Noise pollution is not merely a nuisance; rather it is linked to many physical and mental issues (Dutchen, 2022). Furthermore, noise pollution has been shown to negatively impact wildlife as well. The effects vary depending on the species however, potential consequences may include increased aggression, stress, fear/anxiety,

changes in mating behavior, feeding behavior, and more (Arcangeli et al., 2022).

Should this bill pass, I hope the relevant governing bodies will take into consideration all of the issues, limitations, and proposed solutions raised regarding water and energy consumption as well as noise and air pollution associated with data centers when drafting guardrails.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cody Ke

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Dutchen, S. Noise and health. Harvard Medicine Magazine.

Gorey, J. Data Drain: The Land and Water Impacts of the AI Boom.

Industrial Noise & Vibration Centre. Tonalysis - adding simple low frequency tonal analysis to dB(A).

Liou, J. What are small modular reactors (SMRs)?

City and County of Denver. Neighborhood Data Dashboard.

UCAR Center for Science Education. Effects of air pollution.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Biofuels and the environment.

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First Name / Nombre
Rachel

Last Name / Apellido
Clark

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 10 / Distrito 10

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Council members,

My name is Rachel Clark. I am a Colorado School of Mines educated electrical engineer currently employed in the renewable energy sector, with previous experience as a transmission planning engineer. I currently reside in District 10 of Denver. Below I will list concerns regarding AI data center development and provide evidence for my claims.

Rapid AI data center growth allows no time for regulation, community input, or assessment of potential social, environmental, and economic harms. AI data center development is currently beholden to little regulation or oversight from the government, and even less input from the communities in which it occurs. These communities are often disproportionately impacted, both socially and economically.

Consider the CoreSite data center, DE3, in the Elyria-Swansea neighborhood of Denver. Elyria-Swansea is a historically industrial neighborhood subject to environmental and health disparities, as well as outdated zoning laws [1]. CoreSite, through 'use by right' zoning, circumvented public hearings and broke ground on DE3 without engaging the public for input. Community members from Elyria-Swansea are still fighting to be heard in their opposition to this facility [2].

AI data centers are also highly resource consumptive. Long-term plans to retire coal-burning

facilities in Colorado have been backpedaled to meet the growing electricity demand posed by data center interconnection to the power grid [3, 4]. Paired with Colorado's projected 492 MW generation deficit for 2026 [5], there is no room to negotiate the addition of power-hungry data centers onto our transmission network without significant oversight.

Additionally, Colorado has been experiencing a 'megadrought' for the last 20 years [6]. This is evidenced by the statewide snowpack [7]. The largest AI data centers can consume as many as 5 million gallons of water per day, equivalent to the daily water use of roughly 100,000 Denver residents [8].

AI data center development in Denver must not take precedence over providing affordable utilities and clean drinking water to residents, protecting our environment, and planning for future sustainability. We must act now to prevent unnecessary harm--the stakes are too high to proceed at breakneck speed. Please vote YES on the moratorium so guardrails and a regulatory framework can be established before irreversible damage is done.

Thank you,
Rachel Clark

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First Name / Nombre
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I am a resident of District 9 for the last eight years, a constituent of Councilman Watson, and I am writing to support a moratorium on data centers. I could get into the technical specifics about the harm being done by existing data centers throughout the US, including pollution and exacerbation of breathing difficulties for residents of Memphis, TN (near the massive xAI data center), strain on water systems and the power grid in Saline Township, MI and GA, and the secret theft of nonrenewable water resources for a data center in Fayetteville, GA, but these stories all bear out one clear fact: the funders of these data centers do not care about common people, our health and happiness, or our rights to access water, power, and land in the cities and towns where we pay taxes. It's also no accident that so many of these data centers are built in places with overwhelmingly Black, brown, poor, or otherwise oppressed areas. They operate on the assumption that we will not fight. This assumption is incorrect.

It is my duty as a neighbor and as a person to demand the passage of this moratorium on new data centers. You are US American adults. You know from your own life that any entity pushing to get a project done as quickly as possible without independent, external oversight is likely up to something nefarious. Data centers, to me, are like the Lime scooters that suddenly started blocking sidewalks for Denver residents in 2018 without any regulation or approval from the neighborhoods where they were dropped off. In a similar way, companies like CoreSite have

chosen to seek to build data centers, a major source of controversy in the last two years, as quietly and quickly as possible. They bank on average citizens being too overwhelmed or busy to pay attention to the irreparable harm being introduced to their communities. It is only when the water runs out and we have to schedule rolling blackouts to power these centers that folks in power will begin to demand accountability. You have the opportunity right now to do what's right for the citizens of Denver, and specifically for neighborhoods like Elyria-Swansea, where a CoreSite data center opposed by the neighborhood's residents is being built near a new assisted living center and schools full of children who deserve better.

Don't claim to care about your constituents while you cozy up to CEOs who see us as nothing more than obstacles to their own wealth and success. Vote YES on the moratorium on new data centers.

And while you're at it, halt construction on the Elyria-Swansea CoreSite data center.

I will vote you out if you don't vote for the people.

All eyes on you,

Natalie

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Hello,

I am writing to urge you to vote "YES" for a moratorium on data centers here in Denver! We need projects that work for our residents, not projects that increase our energy bills and demand on natural resources. Data centers around the country have skyrocketed customers' bills and that should not be happening to our neighbors here. Additionally, data centers use up tons of water to cool their servers, a limited resource that we have in this city and state. We need a moratorium in order to prevent these centers from gobbling up our resources and driving up our costs!

Thank you!

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I am writing to you today to ask you to
vote yes on 26-0431.

I know that land use planning codes haven't caught up with what data centers actually are — which is why city council needs to support this moratorium to create time and space to thoughtfully consider the full implications of these land use projects. The rest of Colorado and its local governments will be looking to Denver for leadership in this area. Please be the leaders that the people of Colorado need.

The Gross Dam Reservoir project has been incredibly disruptive to the natural environment and thousands of trees are about to be removed. Denver Water argued this project was necessary to protect against future drought and wildfire.

How can Denver Water be so concerned about the future of water that they're willing to spend \$600m on this project and then Denver City Council can turn around and say that 800k gallons of water a day on a data center is ok?

Please use common sense and vote yes on 26-0431, an ordinance to authorize a moratorium on new data centers in the city of Denver.

Denver Water's collection system is at the lowest levels observed in the past 40 years; the river basins on which we rely are at record lows.

Gloria Handyside