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Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
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Canadian, TX 79014

Re: Total pumping and managed available groundwater estimates for the Ogallala, Dockum, and Blaine aquifers in Groundwater Management Area 1

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