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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** BOYD  
**SUBJECT:** WATER QUANTITY ISSUES WITH STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**DATE:** 12/14/2001  
**CC:** RENICK

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Charles Chisolm and I participated in a conference call with State of Tennessee official regarding their concerns about water quantity issues. You may recall the ongoing fights and discussions among TN, GA, AL, and FL over water withdraw from the Chattahoochee River and other watersheds for suburban Atlanta. TN officials referred to an agreement signed by TN, AL, MS Governors to notify each of major water withdrawals and work together in monitoring TVA use of water. They would like to develop another agreement among the three states to prevent a water war.

In a follow up discussion with DEQ, I believe that TN officials are very concerned about two development areas with water withdraw issues. First within the Memphis Region, DEQ staff believe that approximately 300 Million Gallons of underground water is being withdrawn by MS, TN, AR, and MO. This is an astonishing level of water. Secondly (and much more importantly) the use of water in the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway will be of substantial importance as AL, TN, and MS all have rights to the Tennessee River and it is used for interstate commerce.