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the way around it, or, if the NRD says that it can be protected for a greater distance, then it can be protected for a greater distance. In some areas I'm a little bit skeptical about the NRD's ability to create a greater distance, because the NRDs in those areas where they're not one person, one vote are sometimes very heavily skewed towards the rural areas and towards the rural interests within that township, city, country relationship. In any event, the notice of intent has to be limited to a contiguous tract of land. So it can't apply to disparate tracts, but it has to apply to one contiguous tract, apparently. And it goes on to say that no public water supplier shall have more than three notices of intent under this section on file with the department at any one time. And let me describe what might be my interest here, Senator Schrock, and you can tell me basically why three was the number settled upon. If a public water supplier needs a well field, and knowledge of that need becomes public in the community, it would seem to me that it would behoove the city to protect every possible piece of land that they might want to have a well field on. But I wasn't sure how this operated. So let me ask you, if I may, some questions about this section. And I would yield to Senator Schrock to respond. Senator Cudaback, I would yield to Senator Schrock...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, you have about one minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to respond. Senator Schrock, they could be, the city that needed a well field could be doing or conducting evaluations on a number of pieces of land, could they not?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Restate your question, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: A city interested in a new well field may well be considering several different tracts of land.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And if while they're doing the