

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture—Division of Water Resources

Article 1.—Definitions

5-1-2. Standby well.

In order for a well to qualify as a standby well, all of the following requirements shall be met: (a) The well shall be maintained in operable condition and be capable of being hooked to a power source within a reasonable amount of time to allow the well to function effectively as a standby well.

(b) Both the primary well or wells and the standby well or wells shall be required to be metered by order of the chief engineer or as a condition of the water right or permit.

(c) The standby well shall be located close enough to the primary well so that both wells withdraw water from the same local source of supply. However, a standby well shall not be required to meet the well spacing requirements from the standby well to the primary well.

(d) The standby well shall be authorized to divert the same rate and quantity as the primary well or wells. A limitation clause shall be placed on any water right or permit authorizing a standby well or wells limiting the standby well to no more than the rate and quantity authorized for the primary well or wells. With the limitation clause or clauses in effect, the standby well or wells shall not be counted in any safe yield, allowable appropriation, depletion or similar type of analysis.

(e) A primary well and a standby well shall not be operated at the same time, unless one of the wells is being operated for maintenance, testing, fire protection, or a similar reason.

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