

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture—Division of Water Resources

Article 20.—Intensive Groundwater Use Control Area

5-20-2. Formal review of intensive groundwater use control area orders.

(a) For each intensive groundwater use control area (IGUCA) designated by order of the chief engineer before July 1, 2008, pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1038 and amendments thereto, a public hearing to review the designation shall be conducted by the chief engineer within seven years of the effective date of this regulation. A subsequent review of the designation shall occur within 10 years after the previous public review hearing or more frequently as determined by the chief engineer.

(b) For each IGUCA designated by order of the chief engineer on or after July 1, 2008, a public hearing to review the designation shall be conducted by the chief engineer within seven years after the order is final. A subsequent review of the designation shall occur within 10 years after the previous public review hearing or more frequently as determined by the chief engineer.

(c) Upon the request of a petition signed by at least five percent of the affected water users in an IGUCA designated by order of the chief engineer, a public review hearing to review the designation shall be conducted by the chief engineer. This requested public review hearing shall not be conducted more frequently than every four years.

(d) Written notice of a public review hearing shall be given to each person holding a water right in the affected area. Notice of the hearing shall be given by publication in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation within the affected area at least 30 days before the date set for the hearing. The notice shall indicate the reason for the hearing and shall specify the time and place of the hearing. At the public review hearing, documentary and oral evidence shall be taken, and a full and complete record of the public review hearing shall be kept.

(e) The following shall be considered by the chief engineer at the public review hearing:

(1) Whether one or more of the circumstances specified in K.S.A. 82a-1036, and amendments thereto, exist; and

(2) whether the public interest requires that the IGUCA designation be continued. The state shall have the burden of proving the need for continuance of the IGUCA designation.

(f) Based on the review specified in subsection (e), one of the following actions shall be taken by the chief engineer:

- (1) Continue the IGUCA with its original or current corrective control provisions;
- (2) reduce the restrictions imposed by one or more corrective control provisions within the scope and goals specified in the original IGUCA order;
- (3) reduce the IGUCA boundaries;
- (4) increase any allocations within the IGUCA;
- (5) address any other issues that have been identified in the review; or
- (6) revoke the IGUCA order and implement alternative measures, if necessary, to address the water issues in the affected areas.

(g) If, as a result of the review specified in subsection (e), the chief engineer determines that the restrictions imposed by current corrective control provisions may need to be increased or additional corrective control provisions may be needed, a hearing shall be conducted by the chief engineer according to K.A.R. 5-14-3a.

(h) If, as a result of the review specified in subsection (e), the chief engineer determines that the boundaries of the IGUCA may need to be increased, a new IGUCA proceeding shall be initiated by the chief engineer pursuant to K.A.R. 5-20-1.

(Authorized by K.S.A. 82a-706a; implementing K.S.A. 82a-706 and K.S.A. 82a-1036; effective Sept. 18, 2009.)

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