

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture—Division of Water Resources

Article 3.—Appropriation Rights

5-3-10. Availability of water for appropriation—safe yield.

(a) Except as set forth in subsection (b) and K.A.R. 5-3-16 and K.A.R. 5-3-17, the approval of any new application to appropriate groundwater or surface water for beneficial use, except for domestic use, temporary use and term permits for five years or less, shall not cause the safe yield of the source of water supply to be exceeded, neither shall it otherwise prejudicially and unreasonably affect the public interest. The approval of term permits shall not allow impairment nor prejudicially and unreasonably affect the public interest.

(b) This regulation shall not apply to an application which proposes:

(1) to divert water from a source of water supply subject to a different safe yield, allowable appropriation, depletion or other similar type of criteria adopted by rule and regulation of the chief engineer or intensive groundwater use control area order of the chief engineer issued pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1036 et seq., or

(2) to use water in a manner so that there is no significant net consumptive use of the local source of supply either in quantity or availability of water for use by other appropriators.

(c) If a total quantity of water that is available for appropriation in any basin, subbasin, stream reach or other hydrologic unit has been determined by the chief engineer prior to the date the application is filed, the total quantity of water authorized by vested rights, prior appropriations, requests by prior unapproved applications and the proposed appropriation shall be determined by the chief engineer.

(1) If the total quantity of water authorized and requested by applications with earlier filing dates is less than or equal to the total annual quantity of water determined to be available for appropriation, or if no total quantity of water available was determined by

the chief engineer prior to the date the application was filed, the following procedures shall be used by the chief engineer to further evaluate the applications:

(A) K.A.R. 5-3-11 shall be used to evaluate an application to appropriate groundwater from an unconfined aquifer;

(B) K.A.R. 5-3-14 shall be used to evaluate an application to appropriate groundwater from a confined aquifer; or

(C) K.A.R. 5-3-15 shall be used to evaluate an application to appropriate surface water.

(2) If the total quantity of water authorized and requested exceeds the limit determined by the chief engineer pursuant to this subsection, the application shall be denied or considered only for the quantity available.

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