

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture—Division of Water Resources

Article 5.—Change in the Place of Use, the Point of Diversion or the Use Made of Water Under an Existing Water Right

5-5-6. Failure to construct diversion works at authorized location.

(a) If an application to appropriate water for beneficial use is approved by the chief engineer, the location of the point of diversion shall be limited to a specific tract of land and to within 300 feet of a point identified in distances measured in feet north and west from the southeast corner of the legal section.

(b) If the diversion works were not constructed at the location authorized for the point of diversion, but the appropriator can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the chief engineer that all of the following criteria have been met, the authorized location shall be corrected to the actual location of the point of diversion by a correctional order issued by the chief engineer:

(1) The original application was filed before January 1, 1978.

(2) The diversion works were constructed before the date the original application to appropriate water was signed.

(3) It was not discovered that the actual diversion works were not constructed at the authorized point of diversion until after the application was approved.

(4) The diversion works were constructed at a location that could have been approved at the time the original application was filed based on the criteria in effect at the time the original application was filed.

(c) An application for a change in point of diversion filed pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-708b and amendments thereto shall be approved by the chief engineer, authorizing the actual location where the diversion works were constructed and extending the time to construct the diversion works until the end of the calendar year in which the application to change the point of diversion was approved, if the diversion works were not

constructed at the authorized location, but the appropriator can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the chief engineer that all of the following criteria have been met:

(1) The original application was filed with the chief engineer before January 1, 1978.

(2) The diversion works were completed after the application was filed, but within the time authorized to construct the diversion works.

(3) The diversion works were constructed within 1,320 feet of the authorized point of diversion.

(4) The diversion works were constructed at a location that could have been approved at the time that the original application was filed based upon the criteria in effect at the time the original application was filed.

(5) The change application meets the other criteria of K.S.A. 82a-708b and amendments thereto.

If the actual point of diversion is within a groundwater management district, the application shall be sent to the groundwater management district board for review and recommendation.

(d) The point of diversion shall be authorized at the actual location by approval of a new application to appropriate water by the chief engineer if the diversion works were not constructed at the authorized location, but the appropriator can demonstrate to the chief engineer that all of the following criteria have been met:

(1) The original application was filed on or after January 1, 1978.

(2) The diversion works were subsequently completed within the time authorized to complete the diversion works.

(3) The diversion works were constructed within 1,320 feet of the authorized point of diversion.

(4) The time authorized to complete the diversion works has expired.

(5) There is no water available for a new appropriation to be approved at the location of the actual point of diversion.

(6) The application would have met all the criteria for a new application that were in effect at the time the original new application was filed.

If the actual point of diversion is within a groundwater management district, the application shall be sent to the groundwater management district board for review and recommendation.

(Authorized by K.S.A. 82a-706a; implementing K.S.A. 1999 Supp. 82a-708b, and K.S.A. 82a-728; effective May 1, 1980; amended Sept. 22, 2000.)

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