

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture—Division of Water Resources

Article 19.—Local Enhanced Management Areas

5-19-1. Definitions.

Each of the following terms, as used in this article of the division's regulations, shall have the meaning specified in this regulation:

(a) "Fixed allocation" means the quantity of water allowed to be diverted by a water right or group of water rights over the multi-year term of a LEMA plan.

(b) "GMD" means a groundwater management district established pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1020 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(c) "LEMA" means a local enhanced management area pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1041, and amendments thereto.

(d) "LEMA plan" means the document adopted by a groundwater management district that specifies the basis for the designation and operation of a local enhanced management area.

(e) "Presiding officer" means either the chief engineer or a hearing officer appointed for the purpose of conducting public hearings regarding a local enhanced management area pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1041, and amendments thereto.

(f) "Group of water rights" means water rights for which the distribution systems are physically connected or that would be provided a single allocation under a proposed LEMA plan.

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