

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture— Division of Water Resources

Article 1.—Definitions

5-1-8. Water flowmeter maintenance.

(a) Each water right owner who is required by the chief engineer to install a water flowmeter shall maintain the water flowmeter in compliance, as defined by K.A.R. 5-1-1, whenever diversion of water can reasonably be expected to occur.

(b) Each water flowmeter required to have a seal shall remain sealed at all times, except when the seal is removed by the manufacturer's authorized representative or with the permission of the chief engineer.

(c) Each water right owner shall regularly inspect each water flowmeter operated by that owner during any period when water is diverted or can reasonably be expected to be diverted, to ensure that the water flowmeter is functioning properly. Each water right owner shall maintain a log of the inspections, verifying that the water flowmeter was operating in compliance at the time of each inspection, which shall be provided to the chief engineer upon request.

(d) An owner of any water right may, during the course of any investigation regarding a water right, provide to the chief engineer documentation related to the water right owner's regular inspection of the water flowmeter at issue. Documentation that verifies that the water flowmeter at issue was inspected and found to be operating in compliance prior to the initiation of the chief engineer's investigation may be considered prompt cessation of a violation related to the functioning of the water flowmeter.

(e) Each water right owner whose required water flowmeter fails to function properly shall report the water flowmeter malfunction and any repair or replacement of a malfunctioning water flowmeter to the chief engineer as required by K.A.R. 5-1-10.

(f) In addition to the requirements specified in subsection (a), each water right owner shall notify the chief engineer within 15 days of conducting any of the following activities:

- (1) Performing maintenance on a required water flowmeter;
- (2) equipping a water flowmeter with a manufacturer approved measuring chamber; or
- (3) modifying any straight pipe required by K.A.R. 5-1-6.

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