

**FACT SHEET**  
**STATE ENGINEER'S ORDER**  
**LARAMIE COUNTY CONTROL AREA, LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING**  
**APRIL 1, 2015**

- The effective date of the Order is April 1, 2015.
- The Order applies to the Laramie County Control Area (LCCA), within Laramie County, Wyoming.
- All existing High Plains Aquifer, non time-limited, irrigation, municipal, industrial and miscellaneous use appropriations (including enlargements) must be adjudicated by November 30, 2017. Wells that are not adjudicated by that date will be tagged, locked, and foreclosed from use until adjudication is complete.
- New groundwater rights other than stock and domestic uses will specify a deadline to complete adjudication.
- Meters must be installed on all High Plains Aquifer irrigation, municipal, industrial and miscellaneous use wells before use in water year 2017. Monthly and annual total water production must be reported to the State Engineer's Office - Ground Water Division (GW).
- New appropriations other than stock and domestic use wells, and miscellaneous use wells appropriating  $\leq 5$  acre-feet of annual production are prohibited in the Drawdown Area.
- All new miscellaneous use appropriations (including enlargements) in the Drawdown Area must collect and report static water levels annually to GW. All new appropriations  $>5$  acre-feet of annual production, where allowed in the LCCA, must collect and report static water levels annually to GW.
- For appropriations  $>5$  acre-feet of annual production in the Conservation Area and Underlying Units, a reduction of the water column in excess of 20 percent of that available to the well at the time of original development is prohibited.
- Well spacing requirements will apply to all new appropriations in the Drawdown Area, Conservation Area, and Underlying Units. Well spacing requirements are variable and will depend on geographic location within the LCCA.
- Approval of appropriations in the High Plains Aquifer and in Underlying Units is dependent upon the proposed use and annual production.
- Monitor well(s) will be required for wells  $>40$  acre-feet of annual production in the Conservation Area and Underlying Units.
- Monitor well(s) may be required for wells  $>5$  acre-feet and  $\leq 40$  acre-feet in the Conservation Area and Underlying Units.
- All new irrigation, municipal, industrial, miscellaneous use applications  $>25$  gallons per minute, and petitions to amend an existing water right, must be public noticed, subject to public comment, and obtain a recommendation from the LCCA Advisory Board.
- The State Engineer can issue any permit subject to such conditions as he may find to be in the public interest.
- Beginning November 16, 2019, the State Engineer will review the effects of the first three years of operation under the Order.
- If no order is issued by April 1, 2020, the Order will continue in force for consecutive three-year periods until a new order is issued.
- The Order remains effective until rescinded, superseded, or modified by another order of the State Engineer or replaced by an appropriator agreement.

## WELL SPACING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW PERMITS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2015

HIGH PLAINS AQUIFER	Stock/Dom	Miscellaneous $\leq 5$ acre-feet	$>5$ and $\leq 40$ acre-feet	$>40$ acre-feet
Drawdown area	1 per lot or 1 per 10 acres.	0.5 mile from non DOM and STO wells. Annual static water level measurement.	No new permits.	
Conservation area	1 per lot or 1 per 10 acres.		1 per 1/4 1/4 or 40 acres. Annual static water level measurements. Possible monitor well. Reduction $>20\%$ of original water column prohibited.	1.5 mile spacing from other large cap wells. Monitor well in same interval within 500'. Annual static water level measurement. Reduction $>20\%$ of original water column prohibited.
Unaffected area	No restrictions.		Annual static water level measurement.	
UNDERLYING UNITS	Stock/Dom	Miscellaneous $\leq 5$ acre-feet	$>5$ and $\leq 40$ acre-feet	$>40$ acre-feet
Underlying Units	1 per lot or 1 per 10 acres.		1 per 1/4 1/4 or 40 acres. Annual static water level measurements. Possible monitor well. Reduction $>20\%$ of original water column prohibited.	1.5 mile spacing from other large cap wells. Monitor well in same interval within 500'. Possible shallow monitor well. Annual static water level measurement. Reduction $>20\%$ of original water column prohibited.