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SUBJECT: Marijuana Grow Operations Proof of Water Source Applicant Considerations

Dear Ms. Armstrong,

In order to facilitate verification of a legal water source for marijuana grow operations please advise the applicants to consider the following water classifications before beginning the process.

What is your source of water?

1. Well water
 - a. Existing Permit
 - i. Type of use
 1. Does it cover irrigation uses?
 2. Does it cover municipal/comercial uses?
 - ii. Place of use: Please provide a map and address or location.
 - iii. What is the permit number? _____
 - iv. What is the court decree case number _____ (If applicable)
 - v. Please provide written approval from co-owners (If applicable)
 - vi. Does it require an augmentation plan?
 - a. Written approval from the augmentation water supplier (If applicable)
 - b. Proposed Permit
 - i. New uses generally require a substitute water supply plan and or court approved plan for augmentation. (Please see the links below for more information. If you intend to pursure this avenue, please provide the following information.
 1. Name of water attorney _____
 - a. Written agreement to represent the industry.
 2. Name of water engineer _____
 - a. Written agreement to represent the industry.



2. Surface Water
 - a. Name of ditch right
 - i. Type of use
 1. Does it cover irrigation uses?
 2. Does it cover municipal/comercial uses?
 - ii. What is the place of use? Provide a map and address or location.
 - iii. What is the priority?
 1. Does it require an augmentation plan?
 - a. Written approval from the augmentation supplier (If applicable)
 - iv. Is it part of a ditch company?
 1. Written approval from the ditch company?
3. Hauled Water
 - a. Applicant must identify a water supplier with a legal source of water
 - i. Written approval from the supplier to provide water to the applicant must be obtained and on file with the county.
 1. The supplier must provide accounting to DWR for the deliveries made to the applicant.
 - ii. Applicant must install a cistern
 1. Report cistern capacity to DWR
 2. Install in line measurement device from cistern discharge to grow operation building facility that meets the criteria outlined in *The Amended Use and Measurement Rules for the Arkansas Basin*.
 3. Report monthly diversions to DWR and include copies of receipts from the water provider.
4. Municipal Supply
 - a. Written approval from municipal supplier.

If you have questions regarding your source of water please familiarize your self with our website: www.water.state.co.us

There you will find information regarding frequently asked questions pertaining to marijuana grow operations <http://water.state.co.us/DWRIPub/Documents/Amendment%2064-Flyer2014-Final.pdf> as well as basic explanations about obtaining a well permit <http://water.state.co.us/DWRIPub/Documents/wellpermitguide.pdf>

If you have further questions please feel free to contact our office at (719) 542-3368 or to make an appointment.



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Sincerely,

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