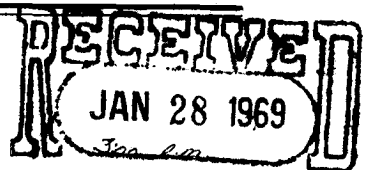


1. Considered 3-26, 1969 982-2
2. Name of Applicant CLARENCE D. UHLIR
3. Post Office Address KADOIKA
4. Amount of water claimed 1.37
5. Source of water supply WHITE RIVER
6. Water to be used for IRRIGATION
- Acres to be irrigated 96
7. Water to be diverted and used in WASHAUGHA county
about 75 SW miles _____ of KADOIKA
8. Proof of Publication Received ✓
 Not Received _____
9. Application Approved _____
 Subject to _____
 Not Approved _____
 Action deferred _____
10. Remarks:

TALKED WITH CLARENCE UHLIR
ON FEBRUARY 18, 1976. THE
SYSTEM IS ALMOST COMPLETE
BUT BENEFICIAL USE OF WATER
HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE AS YET. SHOULD
BE INSPECTED AFTER 1978. T.A.G.

No. 982.2Water Division No. 2 WHITE RIVER District
(Blanks to be Filled by the Engineer for the W. R. C.)

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT To Appropriate Water within the State of South Dakota

(NOTE—Draw a line through items not applicable.)

1. Name of applicant Clarence D. Uhler
 Postoffice address Kadoka, County Washabaugh, State So. Dak.

I. If a corporation _____

(a) Name of same _____

(b) Date and place of incorporation _____

(c) Amount of capital stock _____

(d) Amount paid in _____

(e) Names and addresses of directors _____

~~Contract and Direct Labor~~

(NOTE—A certified copy of articles of incorporation must accompany the application.)

II. Method of accomplishing the work and financial resources of the applicant:

(a) Method of accomplishing work (Whether by contract, employment of others, or by direct labor)

Contract and Direct Labor(b) Cash on hand, \$ adequate

(c) Treasury stock, \$ _____

(d) Bonds to be issued, \$ _____

(e) Other resources, \$ _____

2. Name of diversion work Uhler Irrigation Project3. Amount of water claimed 1.37 cubic feet per second4. Source of water supply White River5. Location of point of diversion Approx. 3630' W of SE Corner, Sec. 33, T44N, R36W_____ on right bank Washabaugh County.6. Annual period or periods during which water is to be used April thru October

7. To be used for:

I. Irrigation or domestic use: Gravity, overhead sprinkling or combination system? Gravity(a) Number of acres to be irrigated 96 acres.(b) Legal subdivisions to be irrigated W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 33, T44N, R36W

(NOTE—A list of lands to be irrigated, giving each subdivision and fraction with acreage thereof, should be written here, or may be appended as a part of this application. Same must also be shown on accompanying map.)

(c) Statement as to domestic use (giving location, etc.) _____

II. Stockwatering, mining, milling, power, fish culture, fire protection and public recreation:

(a) Nature of use _____

Name any of the above uses claimed

(b) Amount of power to be generated _____ horse power.

Amount claimed for engine cooling _____

(c) Location of plant _____

(d) Method of developing power _____

(e) Point where water will be returned to stream _____

MAP No 850-2

8. Estimated cost of work:

(a) Head Gates, \$----- (b) Pumping plant, \$-----
(c) Fluming, \$----- (d) Canal-earth, \$----- Rock, \$-----
(e) Other structures ----- \$----- Total, \$-----

9. Description of diversion works:

I. Nature of works: (Reservoir, dam, ditch, flume, pumping plant, etc.)

Pump, motor, dumped to ditches and levelled land

II. Dimensions of works.

(a) Dam: Height-----feet; length at bottom ----- feet; length at top -----feet; thickness at bottom -----feet; thickness at top -----feet; slope at front water face -----; slope at back face -----
material used in construction -----
(b) Reservoir: Capacity when filled -----acre feet. Surface area at highwater mark-----acres.

DEPTH AT OUTLET-Feet	SURFACE AREA AT EACH DEPTH AT OUTLET--ACRES	FEET	ACRE-Feet CAPACITY

(c)* Head gate: Width-----feet; height -----feet;
Material -----
(d) Canal: Total length -----miles.

LOCATION BELOW HEADGATE	DEPTH	BOTTOM WIDTH	WIDTH AT WATER-LINE	GRADE PER MILE
At ----- Mile	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet
At ----- Mile	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet
At ----- Mile	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet
At ----- Mile	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet
At ----- Mile	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet
At ----- Mile	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet

(Give dimensions where reductions in size are made.)

10. Time required for completion of work ----- five ----- years.
11. Time required for complete application of water to the proposed beneficial use ----- four ----- years.
12. Choice of newspaper for publication of notice of intention to appropriate -----
Kadoka Press, Kadoka, S.D.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
County of ----- Hughes ----- } ss.

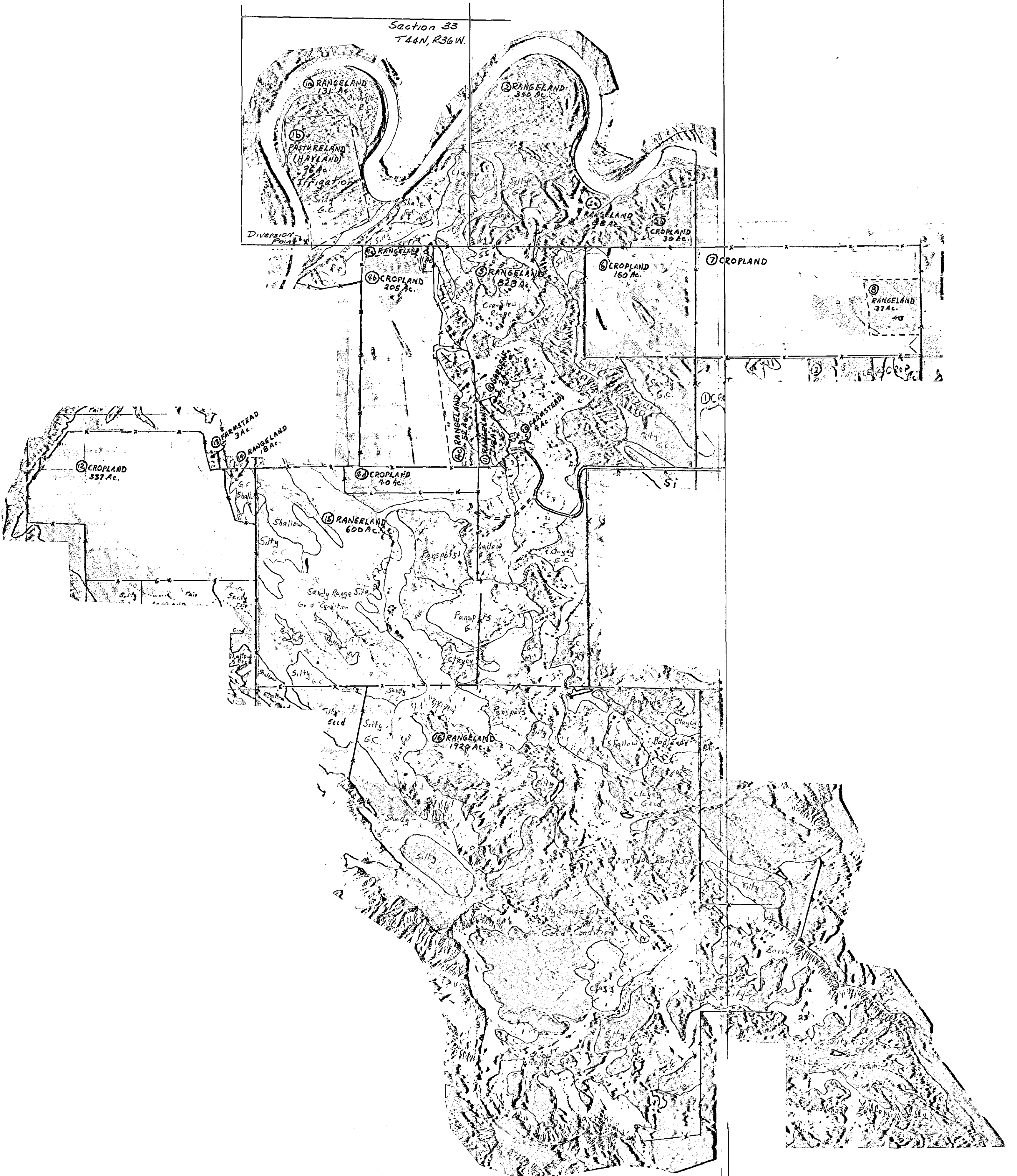
I, ----- Clarence D. Uhler -----, being first duly sworn
on my oath depose and say: That my relation to the above described undertaking is that of owner, that I have
read the above foregoing statement, examined the map accompanying the same, and that I know of my own
personal knowledge that the matters therein stated and shown are true.

Signed ----- Clarence D. Uhler -----

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ----- 28 th ----- day of ----- January ----- 19 ----- 69 -----

Notary Public (or other qualified officer.)
Executive Assistant
Water Resource Com.

CONSERVATION PLAN MAP
 PREPARED BY U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE
 COOPERATING WITH Jackson - Washabaugh CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 COUNTY Washabaugh DATE 1967
 OWNER/OPER. C.D. UHLER
 PLAN NO. _____ AC. _____ APP. SCALE 4"/MI. PHOTO NO. _____



Remarks by State Water Resources Commission:

NUMEROUS WATER RIGHTS EXIST BELOW YOUR DIVERSION POINT
WHICH GET THEIR WATER FROM THE WHITE RIVER. RESTRICTIONS
UNDER THIS PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE WATER MAY BE
NECESSARY DURING SOME YEARS TO PROVIDE SUPPLIES FOR
THESE PRIOR WATER RIGHTS.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

County of HUGHES

ss.

Pierre, South Dakota, MARCH 27, 1969

This is to certify that the foregoing application was received by the Commission at 3:00 o'clock

P m. upon the 28TH day of JANUARY, 1969

State Water Resources Commission

By:

Burton J. Guin
for Chief Engineer, Executive Officer

Number of permit 982-2

Date of first receipt of application JANUARY 28, 1969

Date of return to applicant for correction, amendments or changes required as follows: _____, 19____

Date of receipt of corrected application _____, 19____

Date from which applicant may claim right JANUARY 28, 1969

Approved MARCH 26, 1969, Recorded in Book 10 Page 326

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing application for a permit to appropriate water of the State of South Dakota, and we hereby grant the same as stated herein, subject, however, to the following limitations and conditions:

1st. The equivalent of at least one-fifth of the work above specified is to be completed on or before _____

SEPTEMBER 26, 1971

2nd. The whole of said work is to be completed on or before MARCH 26, 1974

3rd. The limit of time for proof of beneficial use of water appropriated in accordance herewith is

MARCH 26, 1978

4th. The water appropriated shall be used for the purpose of IRRIGATION

5th. The prior right of all persons who, by compliance with the laws of the State of South Dakota, have acquired a right to the use of water must not be injuriously affected by this appropriation.

6th. The amount of the appropriation herein granted shall not exceed 1.37 cubic feet per second; neither shall it exceed the capacity of the above described system of diversion works, nor the least amount of water that experience may hereafter indicate as necessary for the production of crops in the exercise of the best husbandry; and further, said appropriation must be limited to not more than one-seventieth (1/70) of one cubic foot of water per second of time for each acre of land to which water is actually

and beneficially applied for irrigation on or before MARCH 26, 1978, said water to be used during the following described annual period:

APRIL THRU OCTOBER

Witness my hand this 27TH day of MARCH, 1969

State Water Resources Commission

By:

J. C. Guin
Chief Engineer, Executive Officer

Certificate of Construction issued _____, 19____

Water License issued _____, 19____

on or before
(First Publication February 27, 1969)

APPROPRIATION OF WATER

Office of State Water Resources Commission,

Pierre, S. Dak., January 29, 1969

Notice is hereby given that Clarence D. Uhler whose postoffice address is Kadoka S. Dak., has made an application in accordance with the provisions of the water laws of South Dakota for a permit to appropriate for beneficial use 1.37 cubic feet of water per second of time from the White River through the Uhler Irrigation Project, the point of diversion of which is to be located on the right bank of said stream in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33 Twp. 44N Range 36W. Said water to be used for the purpose of providing irrigation on portions of the following described land:

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 33, T44N, R36W

~~and for~~ ~~purpose.~~

This application will be taken up by the State Water Resources Commission at their office at Pierre for consideration upon the 26th day of March, 1969, at 2:00 P. M. All interested persons may appear and be heard.

Appropriate action will be taken by the Water Resources Commission after suitable time has elapsed for the consideration of any or all information presented.

cc: **Clarence D. Uhler, Kadoka, S.D.**

State Water Resources Commission

By:

Chief Engineer, Executive Officer
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
BURTON F. JONES
Water Rights Specialist

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
County Jackson } ss.

L. G. Parkinson being duly sworn, deposes and says the annexed printed copy of Notice

of Intention to Appropriate Water was taken from the _____

Kadoka Press a newspaper which during the whole itme of publication of said notice herein after stated, has been and is printed and published in the

City _____ of Kadoka, County of

Jackson and State of South Dakota; that the said notice was published in said newspaper on the following dates:

February 6, 1969

February 13, 1969

February 20, 1969

February 27, 1969

in each and every issue of the full number thereof, the first publication being made on the 6th day of February

19 69 and the last publication on the 27th day of

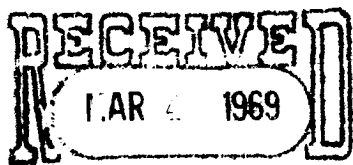
February 19 69, upon which days or times

of publication aforesaid the newspaper was regularly published, and that during the whole time of said publication he

was Publisher the printer and publisher of the said newspaper.

L. G. Parkinson
L. G. Parkinson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of February A. D. 19 69



STATE WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA

APPROPRIATION OF WATER

Office of State Water Resources
Commission, Pierre, S. Dak.

January 29, 1969

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W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
Section 33, T44N, R36W.

This application will be taken up by the State Water Resources Commission at their office at Pierre for consideration upon the 26th day of March, 1969, at 2:00 p.m. All interested persons may appear and be heard.

Appropriate action will be taken by the Water Resources Commission after suitable time has elapsed for the consideration of any or all information presented. State Water Resources Commission

By:

Burton F. Jones

Water Rights Specialist

Pub. Feb. 6-13-20-27

Notary Public Jackson County, S. D.

Department of Water & Natural Resources

Joe Foss Building
523 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3181

January 29, 1988

CLARENCE UHLIR
BOX 467
KADOKA, SD 57543

NOTICE

Re: Violation of Requirement To Submit 1987 Irrigation
Questionnaire

Our records indicate that the 1987 Irrigation Questionnaire has not been submitted for Permit No(s). 982-2. The request for the Questionnaire was dated October 8, 1987. The Water Management Board has directed that owners of water permits who have not submitted 1987 Irrigation Questionnaires be given notice of hearing(s) to be held by the Board to determine if any action is to be taken concerning the violation.

The hearings will be held at 9:00 am, March 2, 1988 in Room 216, Joe Foss Building, 523 E Capitol, Pierre SD.

The hearing will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of SDCL 46-1-12, 46-1-14, 46-2-9, 46-2-11 and 46-2-17. These are contested case hearings pursuant to procedures contained in SDCL 1-26. Following the hearing(s), the Water Management Board can:

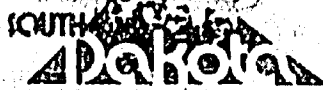
1. Amend Permit No(s). 982-2 to require the Irrigation Water Use Questionnaire to be submitted each year;
2. Postpone any action;
3. Take no action.

The hearing(s) is an adversary proceeding. The permit owner has the right to be present or to be represented by a lawyer. These and other due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised. Decisions of the Board may be appealed to the Circuit Court and the State Supreme Court as provided by law.



JOHN HATCH, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Division
605 773-3352

NOTE: If the questionnaire(s) is received in this office before the March 2 hearing date, your name will be deleted from the agenda for the hearing.



Department of Water & Natural Resources

Joe Foss Building
523 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3181

Attachment to Water Permit No(s). 982-2

Pursuant to the provisions of the notice dated January 29, 1988 and following the Hearing March 2, 1988, the Water Management Board has amended Water Permit No(s). 982-2 to add the following qualification to each:

"This Permit is subject to the Irrigation Water Use Questionnaire being submitted each year."

U.S. Form 3811, Jan. 1978

SENDER: Complete Items 1, 2, and 3.
 Add your address in the "RETURN TO" space for
 re-mailing.

1. The following service is requested (check one.)
☒ Show to whom and date delivered.....
☐ Show to whom, date and address of delivery.....
☐ RESTRICTED DELIVERY
 Show to whom and date delivered.....

CLARENCE UHLIR
 BOX 467
 KADOKA, SD 57543

REGISTERED NO. CERTIFIED NO. INSURED NO.
 7 P404 786 470
 (Always obtain signature of addressee or agent)

I have received the article described above.
 SIGNATURE ☒ Addressee ☐ Authorized agent
Chris Uhlir

DATE OF DELIVERY
 3-15-88

5. ADDRESS (Complete only if registered)

6. UNABLE TO DELIVER BECAUSE:

CLERK'S INITIALS
TD

U.S. POSTMARK
 KADOKA, SD
 MAR 15 1988

REGISTERED NO. 44-38861-1000
 CLARENCE UHLIR
 BOX 467
 KADOKA, SD 57543



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November 8, 2006

982-2

Dave Vandermay
26735 Fish Creek Rd
Long Valley SD 57547

Dear Mr. Vandermay:

I am contacting you in regard to the ownership of land described in Water Permit No. 982-2. Enclosed is a copy of the water right for your review.

Clarence Uhlir has contacted us indicating he sold the land to you in April of this year. Enclosed is a partially completed Notice of Transfer of Ownership form for filing an ownership change. Please review the form and complete as needed. Upon completion, please sign the form and return it to our office with a required filing fee of \$2.50. The check or money order for the fee can be made payable to the Water Rights Program.

If I can answer any questions for you, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Genny McMath
Environmental Scientist
Water Rights Program
(605) 773-3352
email: genny.mcmath@state.sd.us

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NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

To: Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program, DENR
523 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-3181

No. 982-2

Date: _____

I/We request that Water Permit No. 982-2

formerly owned by: Clarence D Uhler

be transferred to: (name & address) David Vander May

26735 Fish Creek Rd, Long Valley SD 57547

Telephone No. _____

RECEIVED

NOV 14 2006

WATER RIGHTS
PROGRAM

Title to the following described land(s)/property has been transferred as described above:

96 acres – W ½ SW ¼ and SW ¼ NW ¼ Section 33, T44N, R36W

I/We understand that the validity of Water Permit No. 982-2 has not been determined by this transfer action. If I/We have any questions on validity, I/We understand that only the Water Management Board has the authority to determine if a water permit/right is valid (see note).

You are requested to file this "Notice of Transfer" in the appropriate file with the Water Rights Program, as evidence of the change of ownership.

A fee of Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) is required to cover the filing fees as required under SDCL 46-2-13. This form must be signed by the new owner.

I/We David Vander May, the new owner, certify that the above information is true and correct.


(Signed by new owner)

NOTE: Water permits may be cancelled for nonconstruction after the five year construction period has expired. Once a water permit is developed and the water used, the permit becomes a right. A water right may be lost for three reasons:

1. Abandonment - no intent to use water and use is abandoned.
2. Forfeiture - no use of water for three year period without legal excuse.
3. For a third violation of a condition of a water permit/right.

RECEIPT
WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM
South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Date NOVEMBER 14, 2006

RECEIVED OF David Vander May, 26735 Fish Creek Rd., Long Valley SD 57547

The following amount in fees for services rendered as provided for by law:

Fee for Application for Permit No. _____ to Appropriate Water, to construct and to put water to beneficial use	2	50
Fee for Application for Permit No. _____ to Appropriate Water for Future use		
Fee to retain Future Use Permit No. _____ after period of seven years.		
Fee for Inspecting Constructed Works, confirming beneficial use and issuing Water License No. _____		
Fee for Filing Transfer Form <u>986--</u> <u>982-2</u>		
Fee for _____		
Fee for Issuing New Well Driller's License No. _____ for C.Y. _____		
Fee for Renewal of Well Driller's License No. _____ for C.Y. _____		
Fee for Issuing Well Pump Installer's License No. _____ for C.Y. _____		
Fee for Renewal of Well Pump Installer's License No. _____ for C.Y. _____		
(Any Other Work Provided by Law) TOTAL		2.50

No.

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By Darland Eide

Chief Engineer

gm



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www.state.sd.us/denr

November 27, 2006

982-2

Dave Vander May
26735 Fish Creek Rd
Long Valley SD 57547

Dear Mr. Vander May:

Thank you for following up on the ownership change for Water Permit No. 982-2. The transfer has been completed. The permit formerly held by Clarence D Uhlir is now listed in your name.

Enclosed is your Receipt No. 02626 in the amount of \$2.50 which you paid for filing the ownership change. You may keep this for your records.

Just a reminder, the 2006 irrigation questionnaire is due back in our office by December 1st. Mr. Uhlir indicated he was going to pass the questionnaire form along to you for completion since you had farmed the land this past season. If you have any questions when filling out the questionnaire, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Genny McMath
Environmental Scientist
Water Rights Program
(605) 773-3352
email: genny.mcmath@state.sd.us

enclosure



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November 27, 2006

982-2

Dave Vander May
26735 Fish Creek Rd
Long Valley SD 57547

Dear Mr. Vander May:

Thank you for calling about the 2006 irrigation questionnaire for Water Permit No. 982-2. I completed a questionnaire for you indicating no irrigation took place in 2006 due to unavailability of water. I have included a copy of what I filled out so you would have something for your records.

With regard to your questions on how to maintain a water permit and how often you have to irrigate, in short, water must be placed to beneficial use for the purpose it was appropriated, at least once every three years unless legal excuse exists. I am enclosing excerpts of the Water Laws and Water Management Board rules dealing with these issues.

If you have any other questions I can help you with, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

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Water Rights Program - File Documentation

NAME: Dave Vandermay

ADDRESS: 26735 Fish Creek Rd, Long Valley, SD 57547

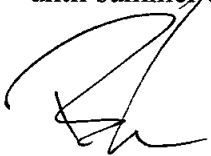
DATE: 9/10/15 **COUNTY:** Jackson **TELEPHONE:** 605 462 6138

RE: Regarding status of Water Permit No 982-2

COMMENTS:

On September 10, 2015, I (Bracken Capen) spoke to Dave Vandermay (holder of Water Permit No. 982-2) about the status of the permit and about inspecting the system for licensing purposes.

Dave explained that although he uses the system to irrigate when water is available and when irrigation is warranted, the dykes and gates that he uses (in addition to a mobile pump) were destroyed in a flood in the spring of this year (2015). I told him that consequently, an inspection wouldn't be prudent at this time given that the system is not in working order. In addition, I explained that normally three years of non-use without a valid excuse is cause for the Water Rights Program to pursue cancellation of the water right/permit. Therefore, after speaking privately with Eric Gronlund about the issue, I explained to Dave Vandermay that he has three years to reconstruct his irrigation system. After this time, the Water Rights Program would contact him to either inspect the system or to cancel the permit. This gives Dave Vandermay until summer of 2018 to reconstruct the system or face cancellation.



Bracken Capen
Water Rights Program

982-2



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December 7, 2017

982-2

David Vander May
26735 Fish Creek Rd
Long Valley SD 57547

Dear Mr. Vander May:

Thank you for sending in the 2017 irrigation questionnaire for Water Right No. 982-2. Water Right No. 982-2 authorizes diversion of water from the White River to irrigate 96 acres located in the W 1/2 SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 33-T44N-R36W.

On the form, you checked the box "use abandoned". Under South Dakota Water Law, water must be placed to beneficial use for the purpose it was appropriated at least once every three years in order to maintain a water permit. A review of the records shows the land has not been irrigated for many years.

If the use has been abandoned and you do not intend to irrigate in the future, the water right could be scheduled for cancellation consideration. Prior to doing that, I wanted to touch base with you to verify your intentions regarding the water right.

Please take a few minutes and give me a call concerning the water right. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Genny McMath".

Genny McMath
Water Rights Program
(605) 773-3352
email: genny.mcmath@state.sd.us



**DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE
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danr.sd.gov

Subject: Bypass Qualifications on the White River

March 30, 2023

Dear White River Water Right Holder,

The SD Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources Water Rights Program is reviewing qualifications on White River water rights in order to update when pumping is authorized. Water Rights issued with priority dates junior to 1975 contained a qualification requiring a mandatory June 1 shutoff to cease pumping water from the river. The mandatory June 1 shutoff qualification was placed on these permits to protect domestic water users, which includes livestock watering. The review found, with the passage of time the United States Geological Survey (USGS) streamflow monitoring has expanded and realtime access to this information has improved. An analysis of long-term historical flow found that the lower White River, downstream of the Little White River confluence, receives significant flow from the Little White River relative to the flow contribution from the upstream portion of the White River. Consequently, it may be possible to remove the mandatory June 1 shutoff qualification for the junior water right permits in this lower section of the river and replace the qualification with a flow bypass limitation as measured at the USGS streamflow gaging station located near Oacoma.

The intent of this effort is to allow for more efficient use of water when it is available by utilizing a bypass requirement as measured at a USGS stream flow gaging station for those water users. This qualification change will also allow many lower White River junior priority water right holders to irrigate after June 1 without the need to request an extension from the Chief Engineer. Current real time river flow information can be easily accessed on-line at the following internet address:

<https://waterdata.usgs.gov/sd/nwis/rt>

In order to amend a qualification on an existing water right permit, formal action by the SD Water Management Board is needed. In the near future, you can expect to receive official notification scheduling a hearing before the Water Management Board. The notification will include if your water right is proposed to have the qualification amended. This hearing will also be public noticed in select county newspapers in which the White River flows through. If you wish to participate in the hearing, you can, but you are not required to. There will be instructions with the notification on how to participate in the hearing if you so choose.

If you have any questions concerning this effort, please contact Mark Rath of the Water Rights Program at (605) 773-3352 or mark.rath@state.sd.us

Sincerely,

Eric Gronlund, Chief Engineer
SD DANR – Water Rights Program

Review of White River Water Rights and Report on Proposed Amendment

February 14, 2023

Introduction

An evaluation was made of the current qualifications that were placed on the existing White River water permits/rights to determine whether these qualifications are effectively managing the water source for the users.

Review of the Water Source

The White River, a prairie stream, located in southwestern South Dakota and northwestern Nebraska, Figure 1. The White River headwaters originate in northwestern Nebraska and drains approximately 9,975 square miles before discharging into the Missouri River near Oacoma SD.

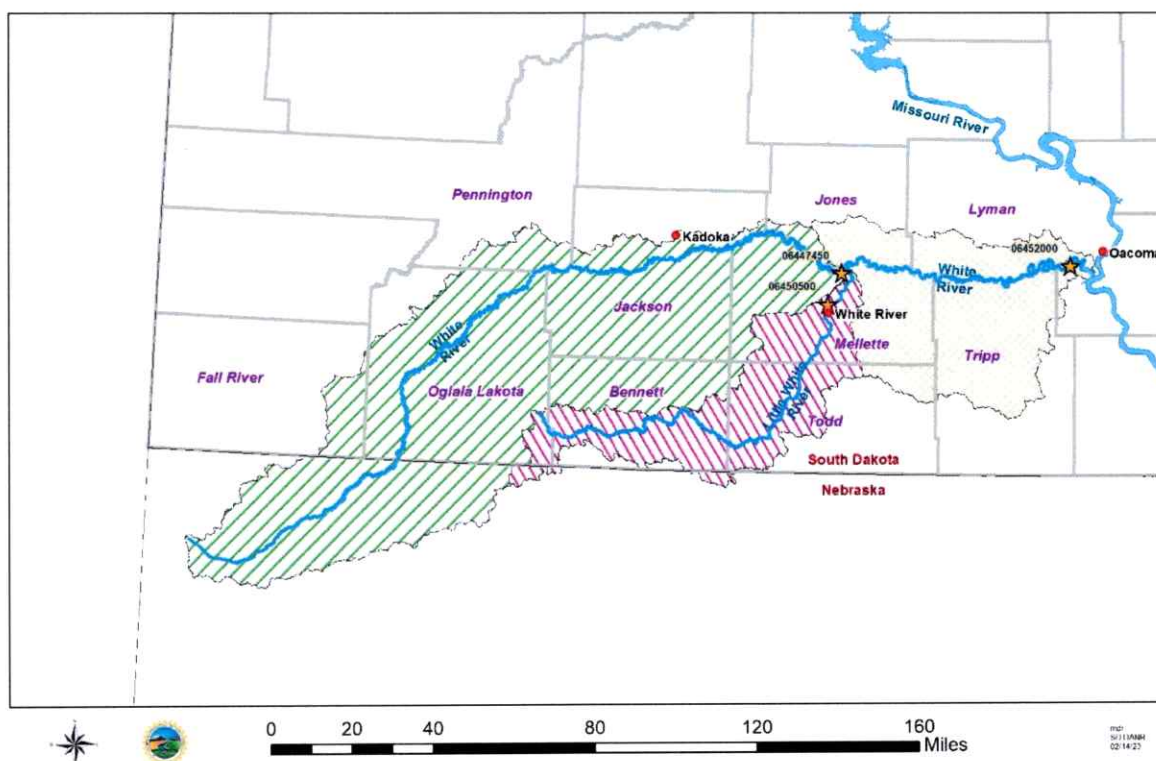


Figure 1. White River Watershed Map.

The entire watershed can be broken into three sections: upper White River, lower White River and Little White River. The upper White River watershed is the portion drained by the White River headwaters in northwestern Nebraska and drains portions of Oglala Lakota, Fall River, Bennett, Pennington, Jackson, Mellette, Jones, and Todd Counties located upstream of the Little White River confluence. The Little White River watershed is drained by the Little White River headwaters in Oglala Lakota County, draining portions of Nebraska, and Bennett, Todd, and Mellette Counties before merging with the White River approximately 12 miles southeast of the town of Murdo. The Little White River has more uniform flow than the White River due to a permeable sand formation allowing precipitation seeping into the ground to move laterally into the stream through springs and seeps (Ellis, et al. 1971). The lower White River section, after receiving contributing flow from the Little White and upper White rivers, also drains

portions of Mellette, Jones, Todd, Tripp, and Lyman Counties before discharging to the Missouri River just south of the town of Oacoma.

A percentile is a measure used in statistics to indicate the value below which a given percentage of observations in a group of observations fall, in this case daily flows. The percentiles shown correspond to flow scenarios during drier conditions when water would be in short supply. A percentile hydrograph can also give an indication of the time of year when water can be expected to be available at the gage location.

The USGS Stream Gaging No. 06447450 White River near White River, SD is located approximately 2 miles upstream from the confluence of the White and Little White rivers. Figure 2, shows three statistically derived flow levels consisting of the daily median (or 50 percentile), the 25 percentile, and the 10 percentile daily flow values for this stream gage. As this figure indicates, there is an increase in flow in the White River corresponding to spring snowmelt and spring rain events. The figure shows the median or 50 percentile hydrograph for this stream gage exhibits the daily flow values at or below this level on average one out of two years and also indicates flow curtailing in the mid-July to early September time frame before leveling off. It should be noted during any given year, flow in the river is not going to exactly mirror the median flow values. Since the median daily value is the center value with half the measured flow values greater and half less, what median values do provide is an overall indication of the historical flow characteristics for the stream at that location based upon the period of record. The hydrograph also shows there is a significant decline in available water corresponding with the 25 and 10 percentile levels from mid-to-late June.

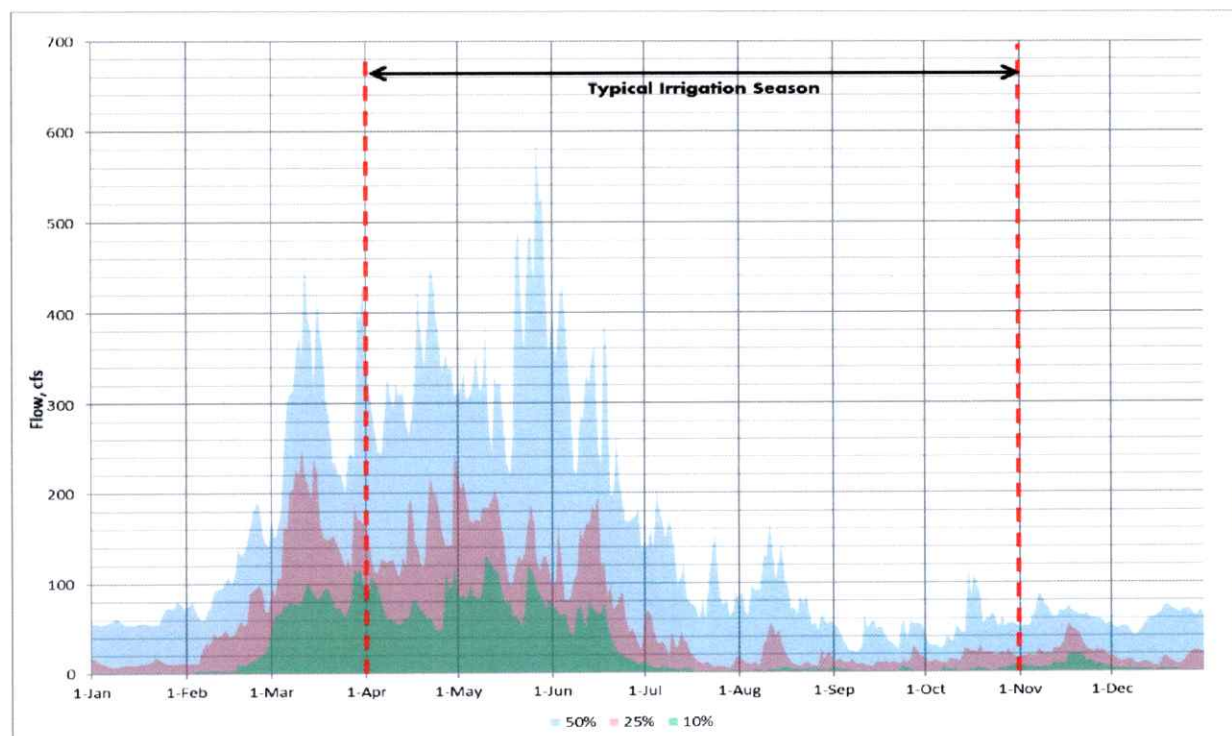


Figure 2. Daily percentile flow hydrographs for the USGS White River near White River 2001-2022, contributing drainage area 6202 mi² (USGS, 2023).

The USGS Stream Gaging No. 06450500 Little White River near White River, SD is located approximately 14.5 miles upstream from the confluence of the Little White River with the White River. Figure 3, indicates there is an increase in flow in the Little White River corresponding to spring snowmelt and rain events. The figure shows the median or 50, 25 and 10 percentile hydrograph levels for this stream and indicates flow at each of the three percentiles peaks in late March and steadily declines until the first of August. Flow then levels off for the remainder of the irrigation season but generally a base flow is maintained throughout the year.

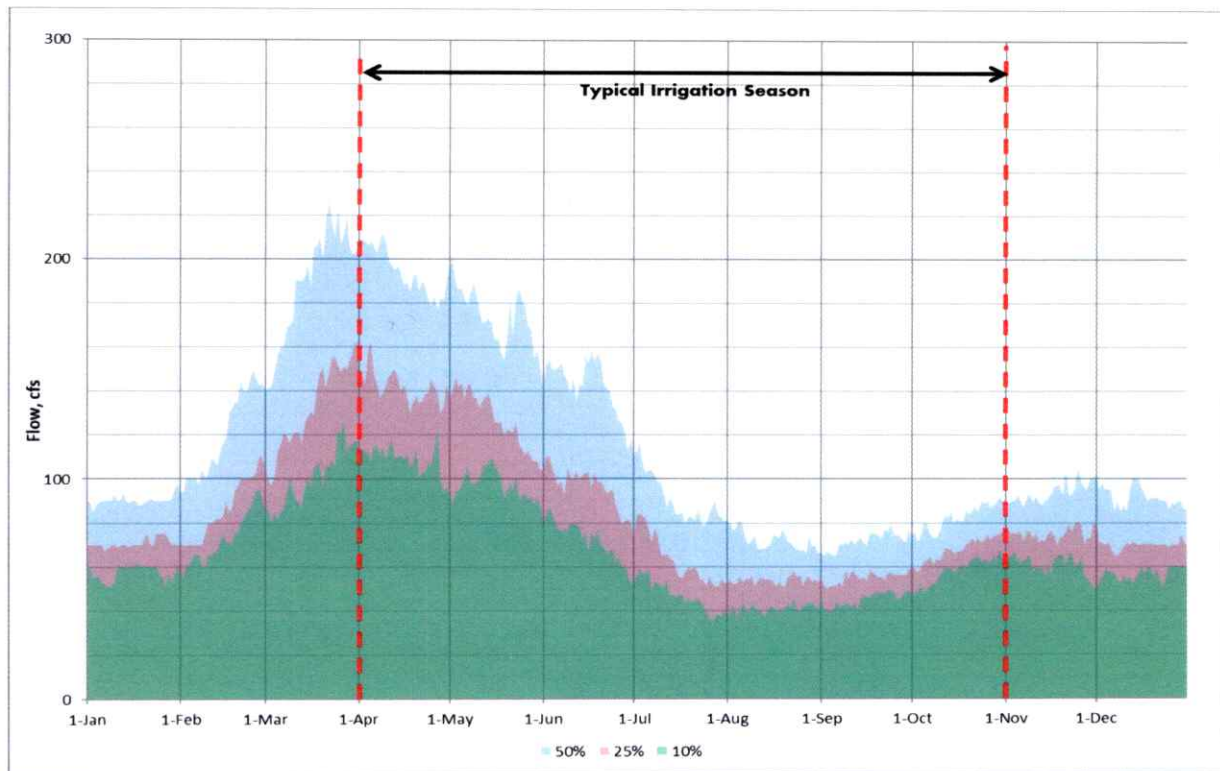


Figure 3. Daily percentile flow hydrographs for the USGS Little White River near White River, 1949-2022, contributing drainage area 1,495 mi² (USGS, 2023).

The USGS Stream Gaging No. 06452000 White River near Oacoma, SD is located approximately 55 river miles downstream from the confluence of the White and Little White rivers and approximately 16 miles upstream from the point where the White River flows into the Missouri River on Lake Francis Case. Figure 4 is a hydrograph showing the 50, 25 and 10 percentile levels similar to what was shown in the previous two figures. The median or 50 percentile hydrograph for this stream gage exhibits the daily flow values at or below this level on average one out of two years, and shows an increase in flow in the White River starting in early February corresponding to early spring runoff and maintains strong flows through most of June before tailing off through the remainder of the summer and fall months. At the 50 percentile level corresponding flow can be expected to be in excess of 40 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) throughout the year on average one out of two years. Looking at the hydrographs corresponding to the 25 and 10 percentiles, they show a similar trend to the 50 percentile curve with increased flows in February and tailing off in the latter part of June. The 25 percentile level shows the daily flow values at or below this level on average one out of four years, indicating flows remain above the 40 cfs level except for a period December through January. At the 10 percentile level, corresponding to the daily flow values

at or below this level on average one out of ten years, flows stay above 20 cfs except during the three week period from the first week of August through the first of September and the six week period in December and January, which is outside the irrigation season.

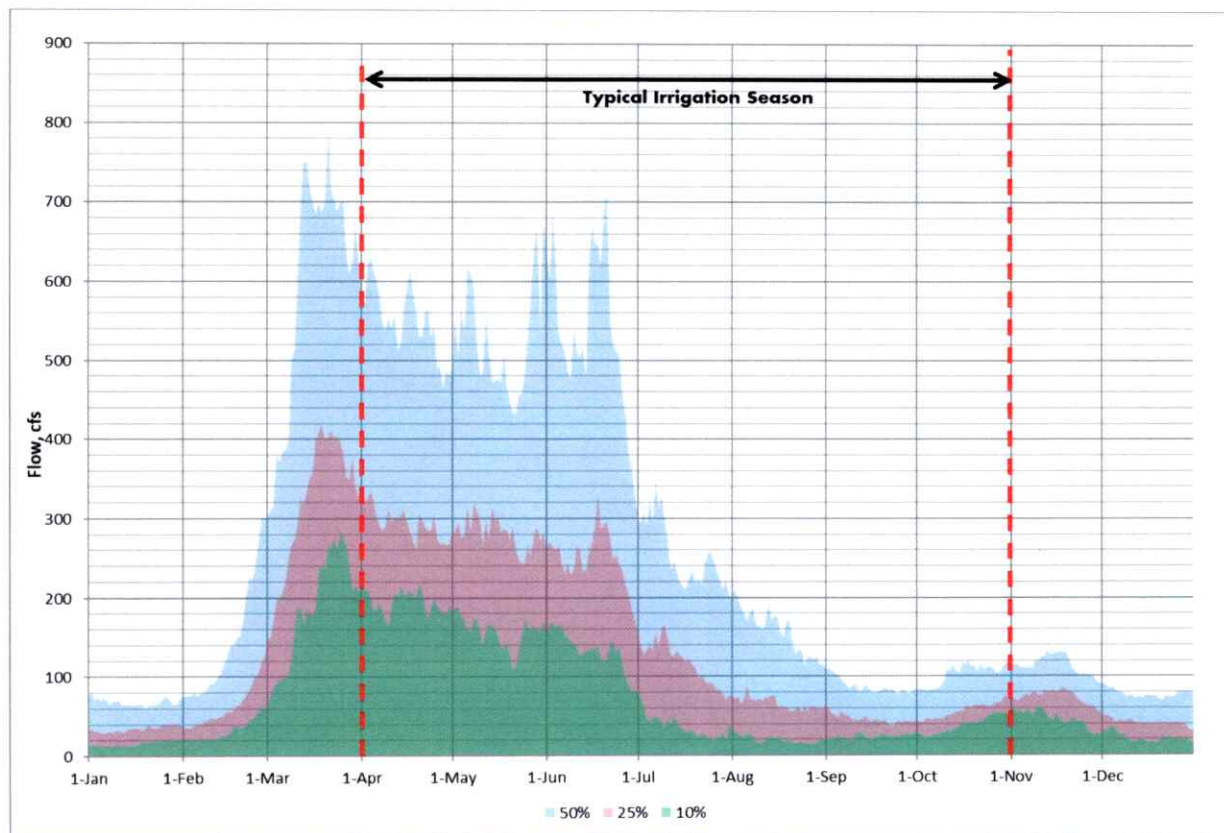


Figure 4. Daily percentile flow hydrographs for the USGS White River near Oacoma, 1928-2022, contributing drainage area 7,697 mi² (USGS, 2023).

The Water Management Board Authority

SDCL 46-1-14 gives the Water Management Board the authority to amend water right permits. Water permits issued by the board may be amended by the board with priority retained upon amendment. The board may alter terms, conditions, restrictions, qualifications, or quantifications.

South Dakota Codified Law

46-1-14. Terms and conditions of permits and licenses--Amendment. The Water Management Board may issue any permit or license subject to terms, conditions, restrictions, qualifications, quantifications, or limitations on perpetuity consistent with this chapter which it considers necessary to protect the public interest and which are related to matters within the jurisdiction of the board. Water rights issued pursuant to this section may be amended by the board and priority is retained upon amendment. Upon amendment the board may alter terms, conditions, restrictions, qualifications, or quantifications consistent with this chapter.

46-2-3.1. Delegation of authority to chief engineer--Restrictions. The Water Management Board may delegate to the chief engineer authority to act on its behalf concerning the quasi-judicial functions of interpreting,

applying, and enforcing existing rules and laws and ordering action or abatement of action. The board may not delegate any other quasi-judicial functions as defined in § 1-32-1, except as otherwise provided by law. The board may promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to delegate to the chief engineer the authority to issue permits pursuant to § 46-1-14.

46-2-17. Chief engineer's general enforcement authority. The chief engineer may:

- 1) Investigate the use of the waters of the state and compliance with the provisions of water permits, licenses, rules, regulations, and laws relating to water rights.
- 2) Institute enforcement and other proceedings before the Water Management Board;
- 3) Enforce orders of the board; and
- 4) Perform other acts authorized by statute or regulation.

46-2-18. Chief engineer's authority to order discontinuance of water use. The provisions of chapter 1-26 notwithstanding, the chief engineer may, after appropriate investigation, issue an order to any person to shut off or limit the person's use of surface or groundwater, or to plug or otherwise control a well. The order may be issued only to protect another user who has higher or earlier priority or to cause a user of water to discontinue the use of water to which the user has no legal right. Upon a refusal to obey the order, the chief engineer may request a court of proper jurisdiction to issue a temporary restraining order or injunction to effectuate the provisions of the order.

Review of Existing Water Rights and Reported Use

A review of Water Right Program files shows there have been 200 water permits/rights issued from either the White or Little White rivers, some with priority dates going back to 1901. Many of these have been cancelled due to abandonment or forfeiture, some have been incorporated into other water permits, and some remain active. Currently, there are 82 existing permits/rights appropriating 190.9 cfs from the White River. Eighty of the existing permits/rights are for irrigation use and the other two are for small dams used for domestic and recreation purposes. Figure 5 shows a comparison between the water appropriated for irrigation use and the annual reported use by these irrigators for the years 1995 to 2021. As this figure indicates except for three years in the early 2000's, less than 10% of the water appropriated annually for irrigation was reported to be used (Water Rights. 2023).

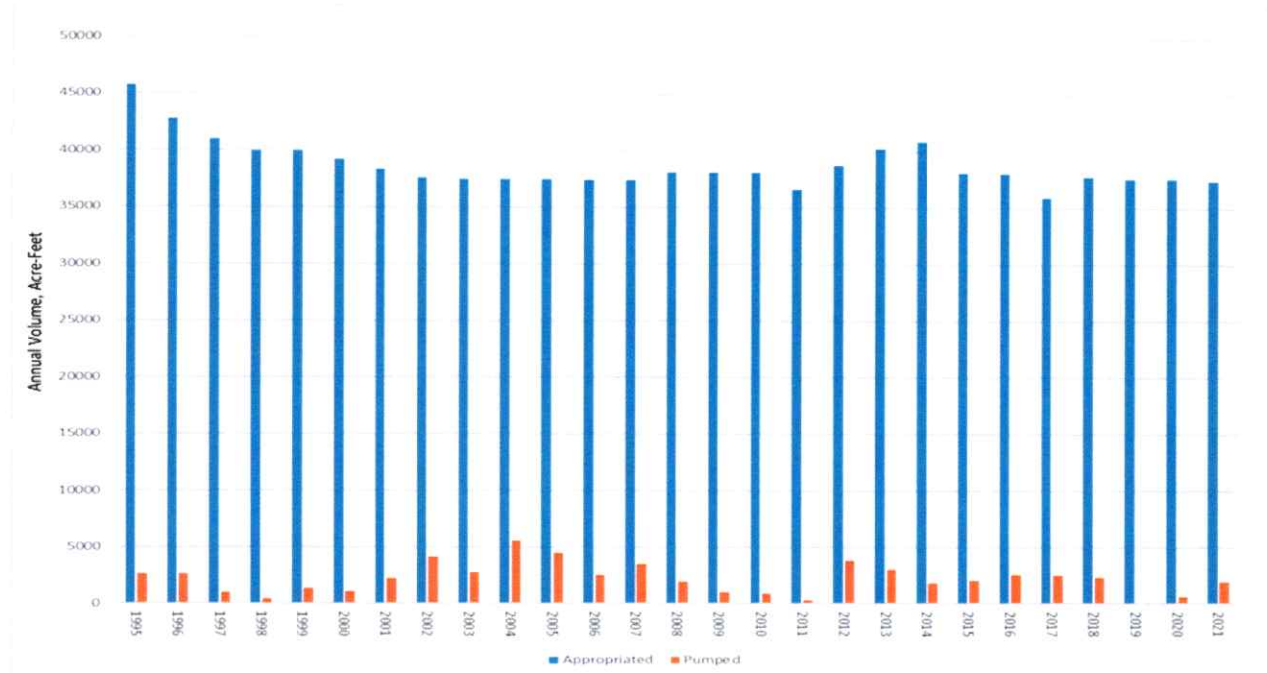


Figure 5. Total irrigation allocation and reported use from the White River (Water Rights, 2023).

Qualification Status

An examination of water right files found the Water Resources Commission, a predecessor to the Water Management Board, placed the first low flow bypass qualification, on a White River water permits in Lyman and Jackson counties in 1964. (Water Rights, 2023). In January of 1977, the Water Rights Commission, another predecessor to the Water Management Board, approved several deferred White River applications with priority dates going back to April 12, 1976, and placed a June 1 cutoff qualification on them. This same qualification has been placed on all White River permits issued since then.

In 2012, the Water Rights Program received an application for a water permit to irrigate from the White River in the river reach downstream from the Little White confluence. The analysis for that application resulted in a qualification to the issued water permit that the permit holder may request written authorization from the Chief Engineer to allow the irrigator to continue irrigating after the June 1 shutoff date. Prior to issuing the written authorization, the Chief Engineer would determine whether an appropriate base flow level was present. A 20 cfs bypass has been used in on other major rivers in South Dakota to provide for a base flow to insure domestic/livestock water needs are satisfied. It was determined a minimum base flow of 20 cfs bypass after pumping, as measured at the USGS gaging station, White River near Oacoma, was needed to allow the Chief Engineer to provide written authorization to continue using water. The permit was issued with the following qualifications (Water Rights. 2023).

1. This Permit authorizes the diversion of water from the dugout adjacent to the White River until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Chief Engineer. Diversion under this Permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.

2. Diversions from the dugout adjacent to the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs while pumping under this Permit.

Since that water permit was issued in 2012, the 20 cfs bypass as measured at the Oacoma stream gage criteria has been utilized multiple times when issuing written authorization to allow pumping after the June 1 cutoff in this river reach. This criterion has worked well.

Analysis and Proposed Qualification Revisions

The original cutoff date and the later adopted bypass requirement were analyzed to determine whether the 20 cfs bypass requirement would be a more effective means of managing active water rights going forward in the lower reach of the White River rather than a June 1 mandatory shutoff date. The review took into consideration the existing water rights, the qualifications, the authorized use, the location of the diversion points, the annual period of use, and historic stream flow data.

Upper White River

Water rights/permits with priority dates junior to April 11, 1976, located on the upper White River in the river reach upstream from the confluence with the Little White River contain the June 1 mandatory shutoff qualification.

The percentile hydrograph for USGS Stream Gaging No. 06447450 White River near White River, SD shown in Figure 2, indicates a decline in flow during the month of June at the three percentile levels shown (USGS. 2023). At the 10 and 25 percentile levels, corresponding to daily flow values at or below the indicated level on average one out of four years and one out of ten years respectively, show expected flow levels falling to a range of 20 cfs or below. At this time the current June 1 cutoff qualification appears to be working well, with irrigators requesting pumping variances when needed. A review of Water Rights Program files indicates this occurs sporadically with it most recently happening in the summer of 2022. An irrigator near Kadoka requested a temporary variance to pump runoff from a large upstream thunderstorm (Water Rights. 2023). At this time the recommendation is to leave the existing qualification requirements in place for current and future water rights/permits located in this river reach because the current qualification is working well.

Lower White River

Water rights/permits with priority dates junior to April 11, 1976, located on the lower White River in the river reach downstream from the confluence with the Little White River, contain the June 1 mandatory shutoff qualification.

In 2012, the Water Rights Program received Water Permit Application No. 2681-2, to divert water for irrigation from the lower White River reach. The analysis for that application determined that based upon historical flow data, there was a likelihood that water would be available many years in this reach after June 1 and there was a possibility the permit holder would be asking for a variance to allow pumping after the mandatory shutoff date. For the Chief Engineer to be able to grant written authorization to allow pumping and protect the base flow of the river, a new qualification was adopted (Water Rights. 2023).

- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.

Since 2012, the June 1 mandatory shutoff and the 20 cfs bypass qualifications have been placed on water permits issued in the lower White River reach. The Water Rights Program has received numerous requests from these permit holders over multiple years to allow diversions from the river after June 1. Based upon the experience the Water Rights Program has gained managing use based off the 20 cfs bypass qualification, we found this qualification to be an effective water management tool for this lower reach of the White River.

There are 32 water permits/rights appropriating 86.81 cfs from the White River reach downstream of the Little White River confluence. Of these, there are 11 water permits/rights appropriating 29.54 cfs containing the qualification requiring diversions cease after June 1st of each calendar year (Water Rights. 2023). Based upon the review of the stream gaging, reported water use, and our experience with using the White River stream gage near Oacoma to regulate water diversions, I recommend for the water permits/rights located in the lower White River reach, the June 1st mandatory shutoff qualification be removed and the qualification requiring a 20 cfs bypass as measured at the White River near Oacoma stream gage be added to those water permits/rights that do not already have it.

Specific Proposed Qualification Revisions by Water Permit

To standardize the bypass qualifications for the existing water permits containing a June 1 mandatory shutoff qualification in the lower White River reach downstream from the Little White River confluence to Missouri River, the following changes are proposed:

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1474-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for either to the land directly or off-stream storage until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1501-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for either to the land directly or off-stream storage until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1,

there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1504-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1529-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1557-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1630-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for off-stream storage until June 1st of each calendar year. After June 1st, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Management Board or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Board or its representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.

- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 1765-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for either to the land directly or off-stream storage until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 2312-2

Delete Qualification:

Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be by-passed. This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Water Rights Commission or its legally appointed representative. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Commission or its Representative.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

The water rights/permits listed below were issued with a separate qualification that should be retained:

- Diversions from the White River are authorized only when flow at the USGS Gaging Station No. 06452000 – White River near Oacoma is at least 20 cfs while pumping under this water right.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 2681A-2

Delete Qualification:

Water Permit No. 2681-2 authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly or to two storage dams until June 1st of each calendar year. After June 1st, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Chief Engineer. Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Right No. 2701-2

Delete Qualifications:

Water Permit No. 2701-2 authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly or to the existing dugout and storage dam authorized by Water Right No. 1415A-2 and Water Permit No. 2647-2 until June 1st of each calendar year. After June 1st, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Chief Engineer. Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer. *(Water Right No. 1415A-2 and Water Permit No. 2647-2 have been incorporated and are now licensed under No. 2647-2.)*

Water from the White River may be diverted to the dugout and existing dam authorized by Water Right No. 1415A-2 and Water Permit No. 2647-2 subject to qualifications Nos. 1 and 2. Diversion of stored water from either the dugout or the dam for irrigation of the authorized land is not subject the June 1st shut-off. *(Water Right No. 1415A-2 and Water Permit No. 2647-2 have been incorporated and are now licensed under No. 2647-2.)*

Add Qualifications:

- Low flows as needed for downstream domestic use, including livestock watering and prior water rights must be bypassed.
- Water Right No. 2701-2 authorizes the diversion of water from the White River for irrigation to the land directly or to the existing dugout and storage dam authorized by Water Right No. 2647-2
- Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board is retaining jurisdiction of this permit in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.

Amendment to the qualifications contained in Water Permit No. 2835-2

Delete Qualification:

This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the dugout adjacent to the White River until June 1 of each calendar year. After June 1, there shall be no diversions from the White River under this Permit unless written authorization is issued by the Chief Engineer. Diversion under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.

Add Qualifications:

- This permit authorizes the diversion of water from the dugout adjacent and hydraulically connected to the White River. Diversion of water under this permit shall be in accordance with any written orders issued by the Chief Engineer.
- The Water Management Board retains jurisdiction of this water right in the event additional information shows that adjustments need to be made to the bypass requirements.



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April 14, 2023

Subject: Amendment of the Mandatory Shutoff Qualification on White River Water Rights

Dear White River Water Right Holder,

The SD Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources has reviewed all White River water rights and the historical, United States Geological Survey (USGS) stream flow records. The Chief Engineer is recommending amending the mandatory June 1 shutoff qualification on 11 junior priority White River water rights located in the reach between the Little White River confluence and the Missouri River. The intent is to allow for more efficient use of water when it is available by utilizing a bypass requirement as measured at a USGS stream flow gaging station for those water users.

The proposed amendment to those water rights would replace the mandatory June 1 shutoff qualification with a 20 cfs of flow bypass measured at the USGS Oacoma streamflow gaging station. This amendment would not be expected adversely impact your use of the White River as authorized by your water right(s). The amendment designates a US Geological Survey streamflow gaging station as the measuring point to determine if pumping is allowed. The gaging station has real time flow information that can be accessed on-line at <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/sd/nwis/rt>.

A hearing before the Water Management Board is scheduled at 9:45 AM, Wednesday, May 3, 2023, in the Matthew Training Center, Joe Foss Building, 523 E Capitol Avenue, Pierre SD. Enclosed is the notice to be published on or before April 13, 2023, in one newspaper from each of the 9 counties that the White River flows through. This notice provides information on filing a petition in either support or opposition to the proposed amendment. The filing of a petition must be postmarked by April 24, 2023. Additionally filing a petition affords you the opportunity to participate in the May 3rd hearing before the Board if you choose.

The staff report including affected water rights and the proposed changes are available at <http://danr.sd.gov/public> or contact Mark Rath at 605 773-3352 or mark.rath@state.sd.us. If you have questions; please call. DANR is willing to work to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Chief Engineer

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