

NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW FUTURE USE WATER PERMIT NOS. 3982-3 and 3982A-3

Notice is given that the Water Management Board will review Future Use Permit Nos. 3982-3 and 3982A-3 held by the Joint Well Field, Inc., Gene Wilts, Manager, 47602 SD Hwy 28, Toronto SD 57268 for progress made in the development of the water reserved and future plans for development of the water reserved by Permit Nos. 3982-3 and 3982A-3. The permits were last reviewed in 2006 and currently reserves 207 acre-feet annually from the Big Sioux Aquifer located in the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 24; NE 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 25; all in T112N-R51W and SW 1/4 Section 19-T112N-R50W. The water is reserved for rural water system use.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2 the Chief Engineer of the Water Rights Program recommends that Permit Nos. 3982-3 and 3982A-3 REMAIN in EFFECT for 207 acre-feet annually because 1) the reserved water may be developed, 2) there is need for the reserved water 3) the proposed use will be a beneficial use and 4) it is in the public interest.

The Water Management Board will conduct the hearing to review Future Use Permit Nos. 3982-3 and 3982A-3 at 10:00 am July 11, 2013 at Floyd Mathew Training Center, Joe Foss Bldg, 523 E Capitol, Pierre SD.

The recommendation of the Chief Engineer is not final or binding upon the Board and the Board is authorized to 1) allow the permit to remain in effect, 2) amend the permits by adding qualifications, 3) cancel the permits for no development or no planned future development, or 4) take no action after it reaches a conclusion based upon facts presented at the public hearing. Any interested person who may be affected by a Board decision and who intends to participate in the hearing before the Board and present evidence or cross-examine witnesses according to SDCL 1-26, must file a written petition with BOTH the permit owner and the Chief Engineer by July 1, 2013. The Chief Engineer's address is "Water Rights Program", Joe Foss Building, 523 E Capitol Ave, Pierre SD 57501 (605 773-3352) and the permit holders mailing address is given above. The petition may be informal, but it must include a statement describing the petitioners interest in the future use permits, the reasons for petitioner's opposition to or support of continuing the future use permits, and the signature and mailing address of the petitioner or his legal counsel if legal counsel is obtained. The permit owner need not file a petition.

The hearing to review Future Use Permit Nos. 3982-3 and 3982A-3 will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of SDCL 46-1-14, 46-2-5, 46-2-9, 46-2-11, 46-5-38.1; Board Rules ARSD 74:02:01:25.01 thru 74:02:01:25.03 and contested case procedures contained in SDCL 1-26.

This hearing is an adversary proceeding. The permit owner or any person, after filing a petition, 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 State Supreme Court as provided by law.

Any person wishing a copy of the Chief Engineer's recommendation, further information on the permits, to assure access to the hearing by the handicapped or obtain an interpreter for the hearing impaired may contact Eric Gronlund, Water Rights Program, (605 773-3352) by July 1, 2013. The time of the hearing will be automatically delayed for at least 20 days upon written request of the permit owner or any person who has filed a petition to oppose or support continuance of the Future Use Permits. The request for a delay must be filed with the Chief Engineer by July 1, 2013. Steven M. Pirner, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources.