

July 27, 2012

NOTICE OF SHUTOFF ORDER

TO: <Big Sioux River Water Right Holder>

FROM: GARLAND ERBELE, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program

SUBJECT: Big Sioux River Shutoff Order

Shutoff Order for Water Right No **

The flow in the Big Sioux River is below 35 cubic feet per second (cfs) at the USGS gaging stations near Castlewood, SD and Bruce, SD. A qualification under Water Right No. ** states that diversions from the Big Sioux River are authorized only when flow past the diversion point is at least 35 cfs while pumping under this permit. Therefore, effective immediately, no diversion of water from the Big Sioux River is authorized under Water Right No. **.

Flow in the Big Sioux River has dropped to the point where domestic use of water, which includes livestock watering from the river and diversions for senior water rights, have become a concern. This order will be rescinded as soon as conditions improve. If conditions do not improve, this order will remain in effect until the end of the calendar year.

I am asking for your cooperation in complying with this shutoff order. The ongoing drought is creating hardship for all the water right holders along the river. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Beck or Mark Rath with the Water Rights Program at (605) 773-3352. Thank you.