



State of Idaho

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Re: Application for Permit No. 67-14787

Dear Applicant:

You filed the above referenced application for a proposed irrigation well. Several items need attention before the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) can process your application.

The application should be amended as follows:

- maximum irrigation season for your area is March 1 through November 15 instead of all year
- place of use should be the NE ¼ of SW ¼ as confirmed by your deed and application map.

Please see the enclosed copy of your application where those two items are highlighted. You can amend the application by fully completing a fresh form to include the correct information. A new form is included for your convenience.

Also, please note that you proposed a shallow well fairly close to the Weiser River. The shallow ground water in this case would be presumed to be hydraulically connected to the river unless shown otherwise. All new water rights from water tributary to the river system are subject to annual curtailments each summer to protect senior water rights. This means you could not irrigate each year after June 15 without consent of the Weiser River Watermaster. The annual cutoff date may vary depending on the available water supply, but your proposed use will ultimately be curtailed each year for most of the irrigation season. IDWR refers to this curtailment requirement as the "6/15 cutoff."

This limitation might alter your plans significantly. Alternately, you can mitigate your new use to avoid this limitation. An example of mitigation is to retire an equivalent use from a related source covered by an older water right. If the 6/15 cutoff and/or mitigating your proposed use are not viable options for you, you may withdraw your application and receive a refund of your \$100 filing fee (see enclosed withdrawal form).

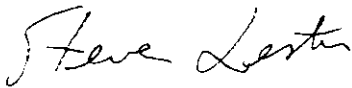
Based on the above explanation, please complete the following steps as applicable:

1. Submit an amended application.
2. Indicate your acceptance of the 6/15 cutoff. On the other hand, you may provide a credible mitigation plan to avoid that limitation. Another option is to provide information confirming the shallow ground water is not hydraulically connected to the river, thereby avoiding the need for a 6/15 cutoff or for mitigation.
3. Alternately, withdraw your application.

Please submit the requested information to allow application processing to continue. You may seek additional time to provide the information by making a written request to interrupt processing for up to six months. Your response including the requested information, or a request for more time to seek the information, must be received within the next sixty (60) days. The application will be voided without a timely written reply. A refund will not be issued in that case.

IDWR forms and other information are available on the Internet at www.idwr.idaho.gov. Please contact me at 208-334-2190 if you need more information. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,



Steve Lester
Water Rights Supervisor

Enclosure