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Subject: Processing permit for backup well at St.Luke's Hospital at Twin Falls

Christian,

I understand your proposal is for a backup well for the new hospital that would only be used in an emergency situation when the normal city municipal water supply was temporarily interrupted. It may also be tested occasionally.

As we discussed the Twin Falls area is covered by the ESPA Moratorium Order that can be viewed at:
<http://www.idwr.state.id.us/about/orders/Moratoriums/Moratorium%20ESA%201993.pdf>

Under the moratorium order there are some provisions for processing applications for new permits if they meet certain criteria. As found on page 5 of the order in provision #9 the Director has some discretion in processing permits in the furtherance of public interest, insignificant use or if they are mitigated, etc. I have discussed this situation with Gary Spackman and it appears that for an emergency backup well the department is open to processing such an application for permit. Please note that the application would be advertised and subject to protests and would likely be limited by condition for use as a backup well only and would be subject to monitoring, etc. It most likely also be required to meet public water supply design requirements of DEQ.

If you have questions, let me know.

Allen