



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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March 11, 2009
CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Christensen
Oasis Water Corporation
PO Box 4766
Pasco WA 99302

Re: Ground Water Permit No. G4-26886P

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Christensen:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a request for extension on the above permit on April 3, 2007. Ecology realizes that this is a long term project that may require many years to build out to the full extent of the permit. Oasis Water Corporation (Oasis) has limited control over when domestic units are built. However, a permit holder is required under RCW 90.03.320 to show progress with due diligence.

In response to your request, you are hereby granted an extension to complete construction for the reasons below:

- To allow Oasis time to make any necessary system changes/improvements after buying the system.
- The supply needs of the water system's service area and the rate of growth.
- Examination of the newest Water System Plan (WSP) indicates room to grow into the water right within the place of use.
- To allow time for the building of additional domestic units.
- Good faith, and due diligence shown by the present permit holder.
- Indication of readiness to serve.

The extension will be considered concurrently with the next WSP due date. The new deadline to submit your *Construction Notice* is **December 31, 2015**.

A summary of progress in developing this water right shall be included in updates to the Oasis Water Corporation approved Water System Plan (WSP). The summary should contain information on progress in developing the project, and beneficial use of water. The next WSP is due to the Department of Health in 2015. Updates and any extension requests will be due on a six-year cycle in 2015, 2021, etc. Submit your summaries directly to Ecology at the above address.



As a condition of this extension, Ecology is adding the following updated provisions and metering requirements.

- An approved measuring device shall be installed and maintained for each of the sources authorized by this water right in accordance with the rule “Requirements for Measuring and Reporting Water Use,” WAC 173-173.
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/measuring/measuringhome.html>
- Water use data shall be recorded weekly. The maximum monthly rate of diversion/withdrawal and the monthly total volume shall be submitted to Ecology by January 31st of each calendar year. Ecology is requiring submittal of monthly meter readings to collect seasonal information for water resource planning, management, and compliance.
- Department of Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credentials, shall have access at reasonable times, to the records of water use that are kept to meet the above conditions, and to inspect at reasonable times any measuring device used to meet the above conditions.
- Chapter 173-173 WAC describes the requirements for data accuracy, device installation and operation, and information reporting. It also allows a water user to petition Ecology for modifications to some of the requirements. Installation, operation and maintenance requirements are enclosed as a document entitled "Water Measurement Device Installation and Operation Requirements".
- Ecology prefers web based data entry, but does accept hard copies. Ecology will provide forms and electronic data entry information. <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/ecy070170.pdf>

You have a right to appeal this decision. To appeal this you must:

- File your appeal with the Pollution Control Hearing Board within 30 days of the “date of receipt” of this document. Filing means actual receipt by the Board during regular office hours.
- Serve your appeal on the Department of Ecology within 30 days of the “date of receipt” of this document. Service may be accomplished by any of the procedures identified in WAC 371-08-305(10). “Date of receipt” is defined at RCW 43.21B.001(2).

Be sure to do the following:

- Include a copy of this document that you are appealing with your Notice of Appeal.
- Serve and file your appeal in paper form; electronic copies are not accepted.

1. To file your appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board:

Mail appeal to:

OR

Deliver your appeal in person to:

The Pollution Control Hearings Board
PO Box 40903
Olympia WA 98504-0903

The Pollution Control Hearings Board
4224 - 6th Ave SE Rowe Six, Bldg 2
Lacey WA 98503

2. To serve your appeal on the Department of Ecology:

Mail appeal to:

OR

Deliver your appeal in person to:

The Department of Ecology
Appeals & Application for Relief
Coordinator
PO Box 47608
Olympia WA 98504-7608

The Department of Ecology
Appeals & Application for Relief
Coordinator
300 Desmond Dr SE
Lacey WA 98503

3. And send a copy of your appeal packet to:

Mark C. Schuppe
Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
15 W Yakima Ave Ste 200
Yakima WA 98902-3452

*For additional information visit the Environmental Hearings Office Website: <http://www.eho.wa.gov>
To find laws and agency rules visit the Washington State Legislature Website: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser>*

Sincerely,



Mark C. Schuppe
Acting Section Manager
Water Resources Program

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Water Measurement Requirements
Construction Notice