



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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April 29, 2014

Mr. Brent Knowles
Knowles Farms Inc.
1010 B Valley Chapel Road
Walla Walla, Washington 99362

Re: Ground Water Permit No. G3-28772

Dear Mr. Knowles:

We received your letter dated March 31, 2014 asking to withdraw your proof of appropriation form and ask for an extension. In response to your request, your proof of appropriation is withdrawn and you are hereby granted an extension to put the water to full beneficial use for the reason(s) below:

According to your request, you were unaware of the opportunity to ask for an extension of the development schedule when the original Proof of Appropriation was filed. You have indicated that the project was not completed at that time since the system, as built, did not produce the desired quantities. In addition, economic conditions of that time prevented further development. You now propose to construct an additional well and integrate it into the system in an effort to complete development of this permit. Be advised that the State Water Code requires that your project be pursued with diligence and does not allow, through the permitting process, the reservation of water for use at an unspecified time in the future. It is important that construction of your project be completed within the time prescribed in the authorization. Your requested extension is for a reasonable period of time. We will grant you an additional two years to complete construction of the project and put water to full beneficial use.

The new deadline to submit your *Proof of Appropriation of Water* is **May 1, 2016**.

Wells, Well Logs and Well Construction Standards

All wells constructed in the state must meet the construction requirements of WAC 173-160 titled "Minimum Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Wells" and RCW 18.104 titled "Water Well Construction". Any well which is unusable, abandoned, or whose use has been permanently discontinued, or which is in such disrepair that its continued use is impractical or is an environmental, safety or public health hazard must be decommissioned.



Installation and maintenance of an access port as described in WAC 173-160- 291(3) is required.

Measurements, Monitoring, Metering and Reporting

An approved measuring device must be installed and maintained for each of the sources identified by this water right in accordance with the rule "Requirements for Measuring and Reporting Water Use", WAC 173-173, which describes the requirements for data accuracy, device installation and operation, and information reporting. It also allows a water user to petition the Department of Ecology for modifications to some of the requirements.

Well water use data shall be recorded weekly and maintained by the city for a minimum of five years. The weekly maximum rate of withdrawal, the annual total volume, and shall be submitted to ecology by January 31st of each calendar year.

Water Use Efficiency

The water right holder is required to maintain efficient water delivery systems and use of up-to-date water conservation practices consistent with RCW 90.03.005.

Proof of Appropriation

The water right holder must file the notice of Proof of Appropriation of water (under which the certificate of water right is issued) when the permanent distribution system has been constructed and the quantity of water required by the project has been put to full beneficial use. The certificate will reflect the extent of the project perfected within the limitations of the water right. Elements of a proof inspection may include, as appropriate, the source(s), system instantaneous capacity, beneficial use(s), annual quantity, place of use, and satisfaction of provisions.

Schedule and Inspections

Department of Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credentials, will have access at reasonable times, to the project location, and to inspect at reasonable times, records of water use, wells, diversions, measuring devices and associated distribution systems for compliance with water law.

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have a right to appeal this action to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this document. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal, you must do the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this document:

- File your appeal and a copy of this document with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this document on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) Email is not accepted.

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You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel Road SW Suite 301 Tumwater ; WA 98501	Pollution Control Hearings Board PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

*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://www1.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser> .*

If you have any questions, please contact Dan Tolleson at 509-329-3526.

Sincerely,



Keith L. Stoffel
Section Manager
Water Resources Program
Eastern Regional Office

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Enclosures: *Proof of Appropriation of Water*
Your Right to Be Heard

cc: Bill Neve