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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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May 17, 2001

CERTIFIED MAIL 7000 1670 0009 9552 6744

Mr. Vic Conrad
J.R. Simplot Company
P.O. Box 27
Boise, Idaho 83707

Dear Mr. Conrad:

Re: Emergency Drought Authorization for 2001 under Surface Water Term Permit No.
S3-24704P (WRIA 32 - Walla Walla County)

Your request for an Emergency Drought Permit for a change in place of use for the 2001 irrigation season under the above-reference Permit has been received and is granted pursuant to WAC 173-166-080.

The above-referenced Permit authorizes the diversion of water from the Columbia River in the amount of 225 cubic feet per second, 43,704 acre-feet per year, for the irrigation of 10,926 acres. The season of use is from January 1 to December 31, and the authorized point of diversion is within the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 3, T. 7 N., R. 31 E.W.M. The place of use covers an area known as the Legrow Irrigation Project, the ownership of which is shared by Simplot and IBP, Inc. This change will involve only lands owned by Simplot.

For the 2001 irrigation season you are authorized to change the place of use to a 590.5-acre share of Permit No. S3-24704P. A proportionate share of instantaneous and annual quantities will transfer with this 590.5 acres, being 12.16 cubic feet per second, and 2,362 acre-feet. The 590.5 acres to be irrigated under this change will be within the following legal description:

That part of Sec. 15 lying easterly of the east line of the Union Pacific right of way; the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ and that part of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ lying easterly of the east right of way in Sec. 27; All within T. 8 N., R. 31 E.W.M.; and a portion of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 17 within Sec. 17, T. 8 N., R. 32 E.W.M.

Lands that will be removed from irrigation under Surface Water Permit No. S3-24704P for the 2001 season are within Sec. 25 and a portion of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 24, both within T. 8 N., R. 31 E.W.M.; and a portion of Sec. 17, T. 8 N., R. 32 E.W.M.

The specific circles involved in this change are more specifically identified in the farm map submitted to Ecology with your application on April 30, 2001.



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Surface Water Permit No. S3-24704P is not subject to regulation for instream flows in the Columbia River under WAC 173-532. The purpose of this change is to rotate this uninterrupted right to croplands which require a reliable supply of water, while moving the interruptible rights currently appurtenant to those lands (Surface Water Certificate No.'s S3-26448C and S3-27096C) to the 590.5 acres formerly covered by the subject right. Concurrent change Drought Change applications have been filed for these other two water rights to effect the rotational changes.

The point of diversion for this application shall be metered for instantaneous and cumulative quantities as per conditions of the original permit. With proper consent, Ecology officials shall have right of access to the meter(s) at all times. In the event the meter(s) or measuring device(s) should become damaged or inoperable, all diversion of water under this authorization shall cease until such time as the meter or measuring device is restored to proper working order.

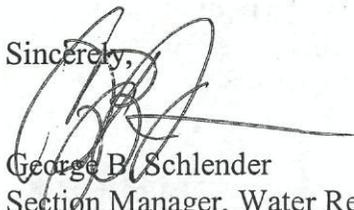
This change does not authorize an enlargement of those quantities in gallons per minute, acre-foot per year, or total irrigated acres as described under Surface Water Permit No. S3-24704P.

This Drought Change is granted in accordance with WAC 173-166-080 until the end of the 2001 irrigation season, at which time it shall automatically revert back to those elements and conditions described under Surface Water Permit No. S3-24704P.

The Department may field-verify this Drought Change at any time for compliance with the terms and/or conditions of this authorization. Violation of any of the terms and/or conditions of this Drought Change will result in this authorization being immediately terminated, issuance of administrative orders to Cease and Desist, and may also subject the violator to civil penalties.

This Action may be appealed. **Your appeal must be filed with the Pollution Control Hearings Board, P.O. Box 40903, Olympia, Washington 98504-0903 within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing of this Action.** At the same time, your appeal must also be sent to the Department of Ecology c/o the Appeals Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600. Your appeal alone will not stay the effectiveness of this Action. Stay requests must be submitted in accordance with RCW 43.21B.320. These procedures are consistent with Chapter 43.21B RCW.

Sincerely,


George B. Schlender
Section Manager, Water Resources Program

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cc: Herman Spangle, Water Resources Program - ERO

I certify that I mailed this letter or an identical copy thereof, postage prepaid, to the above addressee(s) this 17th day of May, 2001.

Water Resources Program, Office Assistant, Katherine A. Yerbich 



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