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DWS Policy 88-06
Estimated Registration Statement

For some categories of registrant under the Water Management Act, notably agriculture, golf courses and industry, a large number of estimated registrations were submitted. This Policy clarifies the difference between estimated and verified registrations, and how to verify an estimated registration.

POLICY

The policy of the Division on Estimated Registration Statements is as follows:

1. Estimated registration must be renewed by the time period described in regulation (310 CMR 36.00).
2. Estimated registration volumes must be estimated according to DEQE approved methods, as listed in the Registration Guidelines (July 1987). Approved methods, as listed in the Registration Guidelines (July 1987). DEQE will not issue an estimated registration statement unless the estimates are made according to these methods, or it is shown that these methods are impossible for the individual registrant and an alternative method is provided.
3. The Division will expect an estimated registration to be converted to a verified registration, most often by comparison with metering records. The time frame for verification will be attached as a registration condition.
4. Estimated registrants, as part of their annual report, must provide monthly records of estimated withdrawals, and the method of record keeping. For example, agricultural registrants would keep water use logs of average daily withdrawal for each month. For industry, this would mean monthly records based on DEQE estimating procedures.

5. Where source meters are required (DWS Policy 88-25), an estimated registration statement will be verified after comparing and adjusting the 1981-1985 estimates with at least two years of monthly withdrawals as compared to metered records, for such factors as rainfall, population, or production changes. The registrant may need to provide DEQE with data on changes in population, production or other factors. DEQE will, in requesting the first annual report, identify the verification method and the information needed to do this, by category of withdrawal.
6. Where source meters are not required for cranberry growers, DEQE will specify an acceptable verification procedure. For cranberry growers, the verification will be through a DEQE approved procedure which includes acreage in production for 1981-1985 and the results of a water use study conducted by the Cranberry Experiment Station.
7. For other types of agriculture where meters are not required, water use logs kept for two years will be compared with 1981-1985 estimates to verify an estimated withdrawal.

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