

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
Water Quality Division

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RE: Decision Memo #1 Poor Quality Withdrawal
Permits for On-site Beneficial Use

ADWR will issue a Poor Quality Groundwater Permit (PQGWWP) for on-site withdrawal and beneficial use if:

1. The groundwater, because of its contamination, must be treated before it can be beneficially used; and
2. The annual amount of water requested is deemed by the Director to be reasonable and necessary to effectively capture a plume of contamination or is part of an operable unit designed as a partial remedy to mitigate a groundwater contamination problem; and
3. The annual amount of water requested may not be used in lieu of any other right to pump groundwater reasonably available to the applicant. If the applicant is within a service area, the applicant must demonstrate that the overall water usage for an existing use will not increase; and
4. Any groundwater pumped pursuant to a PQGWWP is beneficially used entirely on-site, consistent with management plan requirements.

This memorandum shall not control contemplated off site use or situations where the water, once treated, will not be beneficially used by the applicant. Additional requirements may also apply if the water will be recharged.

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