

**Policy for issuing Temporary Industrial Water-Depot Permits
in the Little Missouri River Basin
Developed by the Water Appropriation Division of the Office of the State Engineer**

As per action of the State Water Commission on June 22, 2017 and December 7, 2018

And consultation with the Little Missouri River Commission on August 6, 2018

The Office of the State Engineer will determine appropriate limits to the rate and volume of temporary permits from the mainstem of the Little Missouri River, as well as low-flow restrictions in the river to ensure compliance with the intent of the Little Missouri State Scenic River Act "to preserve the Little Missouri River as nearly as possible in its present state, which shall mean that the river will be maintained in a free-flowing natural condition".

The following conditions shall be placed on all temporary water permit applications in the Little Missouri River Basin.

1. This permit is subject to cancellation or curtailment if it is deemed to significantly impact the free-flowing natural state of the Little Missouri River.
2. Reasonable precautions shall be taken to minimize the visual and audible disruption to the scenic Little Missouri River valley.
 - a. Internal combustion motors shall be muffled to maintain the tranquility and ambiance and minimize audible disruption of the scenic river experience.
 - b. The shorelines in and around intake locations shall be kept free of construction debris and litter.
 - c. Reasonable attempts shall be made to shelter pumps and motors from view for those wishing to travel along the waterway.
3. Pumps and motors shall be set back from the shoreline sufficient distance and reasonable precautions made to ensure any fluids or oils that may leak from these will be contained before they have a chance to enter the stream. Portable containment for pump and motor fluid leakage may be required upon order of the State Engineer.



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