

BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DIRECTOR OF OREGON

MORROW COUNTY

EXTENSION OF TIME ORDER

The changes approved under Transfer 6270, in the name of Lawrence D. Lindsay, and Transfer 6387, in the name of Tidewater Barge Lines, Inc., were to have been completed by October 1, 1991. Tidewater Barge Lines, Inc., through its affiliate Finley Buttes Landfill Company, has requested additional time to complete the changes.

Transfer 6270 allowed the use of up to 128 acre-feet of water from groundwater within the Butter Creek Critical Groundwater Area, and the Columbia River, for industrial use (landfill operation) and supplemental industrial use (landfill operation). Transfer 6387 allowed the use of up to 400 acre-feet from the groundwater supply within the Butter Creek Critical Groundwater Area for industrial uses.

Finley Butte Landfill Company provided information that annual water use has been up to 50 acre-feet of water.

The Department has information that indicates the water levels continue to decline within the West Subarea of the Butter Creek Critical Groundwater Area. It may be necessary for the Department to further restrict use of water within the West Subarea. In order for the Department to properly allocate the limited supplies of groundwater within the Butter Creek Critical Groundwater Area, it is necessary that the changes allowed by Transfers 6270 and 6387 be completed.

The time limits to complete the changes allowed by Transfer 6270 and Transfer 6387 should be extended to October 1, 1995. However, because of the continued water level declines and potential for further restrictions in the Butter Creek Critical Groundwater Area, no more extensions of time, beyond October 1, 1995, should be allowed.

Therefore, the time limits for completion of the changes approved by Transfer 6270, in the name of Lawrence D. Lindsay, and Transfer 6387, in the name of Tidewater Barge Lines, Inc., are extended to October 1, 1995. No further extensions of time shall be allowed.

WITNESS the signature of the Water Resources Director,
affixed May 8, 1995.



Martha O. Pagel, Director