

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF GRANT

PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

CITY OF MT. VERNON  
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The specific limits for the use are listed below along with conditions of use.

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-14194

SOURCE OF WATER: THREE WELLS IN JOHN DAY RIVER BASIN

PURPOSE OR USE: MUNICIPAL USE

RATE OF USE: 0.67 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

PERIOD OF ALLOWED USE: YEAR ROUND

DATE OF PRIORITY: OCTOBER 30, 1995

POINT OF DIVERSION LOCATION: SW 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, SECTION 21, NE 1/4 NE 1/4, SECTION 28, T13S, R30E, W.M.; WELL A - 20 FEET SOUTH AND 90 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 28; WELL B - 70 FEET NORTH AND 1040 FEET WEST FROM THE S 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 21; WELL C - 70 FEET NORTH AND 594 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 21

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

WITHIN THE CITY OF MT VERNON SERVICE AREA

Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:

- A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a meter or other suitable measuring device as approved by the Director. The permittee shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order.
- B. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where the meter or measuring device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- C. The Director may require the permittee to keep and maintain a record of the amount (volume) of water used and may require the permittee to report water use on a periodic schedule as established by the Director. In addition, the Director may

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require the permittee to report general water use information, the periods of water use and the place and nature of use of water under the permit. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative reporting procedures for review and approval.

The water user shall develop a plan to monitor and report the impact of water use under this permit on water levels within the aquifer that provides water to the permitted well(s). The plan shall be submitted to the Department within one year of the date the permit is issued and shall be subject to the approval of the Department. At a minimum, the plan shall include a program to periodically measure static water levels within the permitted well(s) or an adequate substitute such as water levels in nearby wells. The plan shall also stipulate a reference water level against which any water-level declines will be compared. If a well listed on this permit (or replacement well) displays a total static water-level decline of 25 or more feet over any period of years, as compared to the reference level, then the water user shall discontinue use of, or reduce the rate or volume of withdrawal from, the well(s). Such action shall be taken until the water level recovers to above the 25-foot decline level or until the Department determines, based on the water user's and/or the Department's data and analysis, that no action is necessary because the aquifer in question can sustain the observed declines without adversely impacting the resource or senior water rights. The water user shall in no instance allow excessive decline, as defined in Commission rules, to occur within the aquifer as a result of use under this permit.

Use of water under authority of this permit may be regulated if analysis of data available after the permit is issued discloses that the appropriation will measurably reduce the surface water flows necessary to maintain the free-flowing character of a scenic waterway in quantities necessary for recreation, fish and wildlife in effect as of the priority date of the right or as those quantities may be subsequently reduced.

The wells for this use shall be developed to produce water from a confined aquifer in a consolidated formation and constructed in a manner to effectively seal off any shallow groundwater which may be in direct hydraulic connection with the John Day River. The wells shall be set back a minimum of 500 feet from the John Day river or any surface water bodies hydraulically connected to the John Day River.

#### STANDARD CONDITIONS

The wells shall be constructed in accordance with the General Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Water Wells in Oregon. The works shall be equipped with a usable access port, and may also include an air line and pressure gauge adequate to determine water level elevation in the well at all times.

