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The Department has reviewed the status of your pump test and any requests for extension(s) or exemption(s) for the following permitted well(s). The results are summarized in the table below:

Application	Water Right	Permitted Well	Pumped Well	Test Date	Request Status	Problems	Exemption	Well Name
G 18521	Permit: G 18189 *	LINN0063737	LINN0063737	09/24/2021	APPROVED	0	Unreas Burden	WELL 2A
G 18521	Permit: G 18189 *	LINN0064528	LINN0063737	09/24/2021	REJECTED	0	Multiple Well	
G 18511	Permit: G 18707 *	LINN0010808	LINN0063737	09/24/2021	REJECTED	0	Multiple Well	

The exemption(s) was/were denied for the following reason(s):

- ☒ The test(s) upon which the exemption request is being made does/do not meet the current pump test requirements.
- ☐ The wells are not currently under the same ownership
- ☐ The well(s) is/are not within 5 miles of the tested well.
- ☐ A multiple well exemption has not been requested in writing.
- ☐ Well construction and lithologic information provided on water well reports (i.e. well logs) indicate that the tested well and well(s) requested for exemption do not obtain groundwater from the same aquifer.

Pump tests are intended to provide aquifer and well information for ground water resource characterization and to help solve well problems (OAR 690-217-0015(9)). A review of the test results indicates that there are one or more deficiencies (listed below) related to the requirements for pump tests outlined in OAR 690-217, however; it is likely that any re-testing would constitute an unreasonable burden on the permittee and would provide data of only marginal value in satisfying the intent of the rules.

- o Discharge was not held constant during the pumping test.

Although this test is being approved for this well on the above listed permit(s), it is unlikely that the approval will carry forward onto any new permits or multiple-well exemption requests. If a new permit is issued for this particular well that requires a pump test or if you wish to request a multiple-well exemption on any other wells using this approved test, you may be denied and will need to perform a new test.

A pump test is still required for the above permitted well(s) whose pump tests or exemptions were denied. If there is a reason why a pump test cannot be performed on the(se) well(s), please contact the Department to request an unreasonable burden exemption. The Department will not grant an exemption if only minor modifications are needed such as installing an access port for water level measurement. The Department may verify by field inspection any claims that a well cannot be pump tested. Unreasonable burden exemption requests must be submitted using the Department's form, which can be obtained on the Department's website.

The following pump test related materials can be found on our web site at:

Pump test administrative rules: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=3186>
A booklet explaining pump tests: https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/WRDFormsPDF/pump_test.pdf
Pump test data forms: https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/WRDFormsPDF/pump_test_coverF.pdf
Multiple well exemption request: <https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/WRDFormsPDF/pumptestexemptionform.pdf>
Unreas. burden exemption request: <https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/WRDFormsPDF/pumptestexemptionunreasburden.pdf>

Without an approved pump test, the Department may not be able to process the Claim of Beneficial Use submitted for this permit. The person or persons conducting the test need to be thoroughly familiar with all the test requirements, which are

described in the Water Resources Department's administrative rules OAR 690-217.

Approved pump test letters will be digitally posted to the water right in WRIS; all other pump test letters will be mailed to permit holder.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James Hootsmans

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cc: GW Pump Test File
cc: Certificates Section/Application File