



PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUNDWATER APPLICATIONS

TO: Water Rights Section Date September 17, 2013

FROM: Groundwater Section Marc Norton  
Reviewer's Name

SUBJECT: Application G- 17678 Supersedes review of \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Review(s)

**PUBLIC INTEREST PRESUMPTION; GROUNDWATER**

**OAD 690-310-130 (1)** *The Department shall presume that a proposed groundwater use will ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525.* Department staff review ground water applications under OAD 690-310-140 to determine whether the presumption is established. OAD 690-310-140 allows the proposed use be modified or conditioned to meet the presumption criteria. **This review is based upon available information and agency policies in place at the time of evaluation.**

**A. GENERAL INFORMATION:** Applicant's Name: Port of Morrow County: Morrow

- A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 4.95 cfs from 1 well(s) in the Umatilla River Basin,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ subbasin Quad Map: Boardman
- A2. Proposed use Municipal (3584 acre-feet/year) Seasonality: year-round
- A3. Well and aquifer data (**attach and number logs for existing wells; mark proposed wells as such under logid**):

Well	Logid	Applicant's Well #	Proposed Aquifer*	Proposed Rate(cfs)	Location (T/R-S QQ-Q)	Location, metes and bounds, e.g. 2250' N, 1200' E fr NW cor S 36
1	Proposed	5	CRBG	4.95	04N/25E-02 SE NW	1590' S, 3465' W fr NE cor S 2
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\* Alluvium, CRB, Bedrock

Well	Well Elev ft msl	First Water ft bls	SWL ft bls	SWL Date	Well Depth (ft)	Seal Interval (ft)	Casing Intervals (ft)	Liner Intervals (ft)	Perforations Or Screens (ft)	Well Yield (gpm)	Draw Down (ft)	Test Type
5	290	7	-41.6	02/01/1991	900	0 - 600+/-	0 - 600+/-					

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments:** Well #5 is a proposed well. The construction of Well #5 would look similar to Port Well #4, MORR 1526.

**Requested discharge rate is 2420 gpm = 4.95 cfs.**

A5.  **Provisions of the** Umatilla River Basin rules relative to the development, classification and/or management of groundwater hydraulically connected to surface water  **are**, or  **are not**, activated by this application. (Not all basin rules contain such provisions.)

Comments: Proposed well construction would case and seal to about 600 feet below the Columbia River.

A6.  **Well(s) #** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, tap(s) an aquifer limited by an administrative restriction.

Name of administrative area: NONE

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. GROUND WATER AVAILABILITY CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-310-130, 400-010, 410-0070**

B1. **Based upon available data.** I have determined that ground water\* for the proposed use:

- a.  **is** over appropriated,  **is not** over appropriated, *or*  **cannot be determined to be** over appropriated during any period of the proposed use. \* This finding is limited to the ground water portion of the over-appropriation determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;
- b.  **will not** *or*  **will** likely be available in the amounts requested without injury to prior water rights. \* This finding is limited to the ground water portion of the injury determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;
- c.  **will not** *or*  **will** likely to be available within the capacity of the ground water resource; *or*
- d.  **will, if properly conditioned.** avoid injury to existing ground water rights or to the ground water resource:
  - i.  The permit should contain condition #(s) 7B – Interference, 7N - Annual WL (February/March), 7P – Well Tag, 7T – Measuring Tube, Large measuring and reporting with flow meter on each well;
  - ii.  The permit should be conditioned as indicated in item 2 below.
  - iii.  The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in item 3 below;

- B2. a.  **Condition** to allow ground water production from no deeper than \_\_\_\_\_ ft. below land surface;
- b.  **Condition** to allow ground water production from no shallower than \_\_\_\_\_ ft. below land surface;
- c.  **Condition** to allow ground water production only from the \_\_\_\_\_ ground water reservoir between approximately \_\_\_\_\_ ft. and \_\_\_\_\_ ft. below land surface;
- d.  **Condition** to allow production only from a single aquifer in the Columbia River Basalt groundwater reservoir;
- e.  **Well reconstruction** is necessary to accomplish one or more of the above conditions. The problems that are likely to occur with this use and without reconstructing are cited below. Without reconstruction, I recommend withholding issuance of the permit until evidence of well reconstruction is filed with the Department and approved by the Ground Water Section.

**Describe injury** –as related to water availability– that is likely to occur without well reconstruction (interference w/ senior water rights, not within the capacity of the resource, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

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B3. **Ground water availability remarks:** Groundwater level data from MORR 1526, Port of Morrow Well # 4, indicates a decline of about 56 feet over the last 21 years. See attached graph. Existing pumpage under permit G-10975 averaged 1473 acre-feet per year from 1992 through 2004 (data submitted by Port). Permit G-10975 allows up to 3226 acre-feet per year. Under permit G-10975, the Department “shall” regulate use if the groundwater level in Well #4 exceeds 200 feet below land surface. At the current rate of decline, the water level will reach 200 feet in about 60 years. As the amount of pumpage increases within the existing water right, the rate of decline will increase, reducing the time to reach 200 feet.

The new application is for a large rate and volume of water for industrial use – 4.95 cfs (2420 gpm) and 3584 acre-feet. The groundwater resource cannot sustain the current use. Current use could more than double under the existing water right.

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**C. GROUND WATER/SURFACE WATER CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-09-040**

C1. **690-09-040 (1):** Evaluation of aquifer confinement:

Well	Aquifer or Proposed Aquifer	Confined	Unconfined
5	CRBG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation:** Well #4 was a flowing artesian well when originally constructed

C2. **690-09-040 (2) (3):** Evaluation of distance to, and hydraulic connection with, surface water sources. All wells located a horizontal distance less than 1/4 mile from a surface water source that produce water from an unconfined aquifer shall be assumed to be hydraulically connected to the surface water source. Include in this table any streams located beyond one mile that are evaluated for PSI.

Well	SW #	Surface Water Name	GW Elev ft msl	SW Elev ft msl	Distance (ft)	Hydraulically Connected?			Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?	
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**Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation:** NA

**Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within:**

C3a. **690-09-040 (4):** Evaluation of stream impacts for each well that has been determined or assumed to be **hydraulically connected and less than 1 mile** from a surface water source. Limit evaluation to instream rights and minimum stream flows that are pertinent to that surface water source, and not lower SW sources to which the stream under evaluation is tributary. Compare the requested rate against the 1% of 80% natural flow for the pertinent Water Availability Basin (WAB). If Q is not distributed by well, use full rate for each well. Any checked  box indicates the well is assumed to have the potential to cause PSI.

Well	SW #	Well < 1/4 mile?	Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
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C3b. **690-09-040 (4):** Evaluation of stream impacts by total appropriation for all wells determined or assumed to be **hydraulically connected and less than 1 mile** from a surface water source. **Complete only if Q is distributed among wells.** Otherwise same evaluation and limitations apply as in C3a above.

	SW #	Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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C4a. **690-09-040 (5):** Estimated impacts on **hydraulically connected surface water sources greater than one mile** as a percentage of the proposed pumping rate. Limit evaluation to the effects that will occur up to one year after pumping begins. This table encompasses the considerations required by 09-040 (5)(a), (b), (c) and (d), which are not included on this form. Use additional sheets if calculated flows from more than one WAB are required.

Non-Distributed Wells													
Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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	Interference CFS												
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**D. WELL CONSTRUCTION, OAR 690-200**

D1. Well #: \_\_\_\_\_ Logid: \_\_\_\_\_

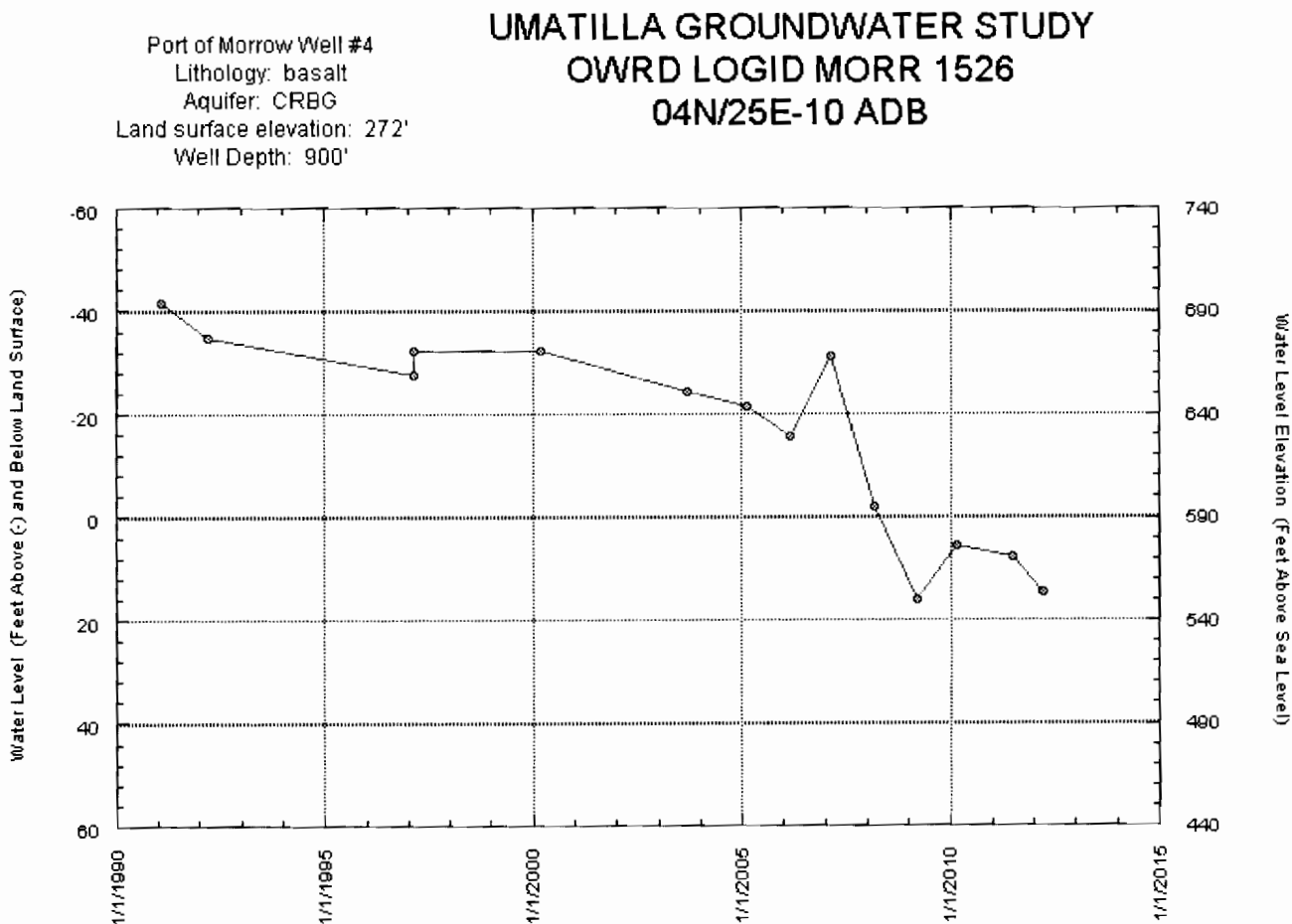
D2. **THE WELL does not appear to meet current well construction standards based upon:**

- a.  review of the well log;
- b.  field inspection by \_\_\_\_\_;
- c.  report of CWRE \_\_\_\_\_;
- d.  other: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

D3. **THE WELL construction deficiency or other comment is described as follows:** \_\_\_\_\_

D4.  **Route to the Well Construction and Compliance Section for a review of existing well construction.**

**Water Availability Tables**



### Groundwater Application G-17678, Port of Morrow Morrow County, Boardman Quad

**Legend**

- Obs Well Current
- Obs Well Non-Current
- State Obs Well Current
- State Obs Well Non-Current
- Other Wells

