

BEFORE THE OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

ORDER

SUSPENDING TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Contained In

OAR Chapter 690, Division 180

Pursuant to the passage of Senate Bill 788 (Chapter 819, 2009 Oregon Laws), owners of land on which a well is drilled to allow groundwater use for a purpose that is exempt under ORS 537.545 are required to record the exempt groundwater use with the Oregon Water Resources Department (Department) in accordance with standards established by the Department.

On July 30, 2009 the Oregon Water Resources Commission (Commission) adopted temporary administrative rules, contained in OAR Chapter 690, Division 180, to provide standards and guidance by which affected landowners could meet the requirements of SB 788 prior to the adoption of permanent rules by the Commission. The Commission amended the temporary administrative rules on September 2, 2009. The temporary administrative rules contained in OAR Chapter 690, Division 180 expire on December 27, 2009.

On November 19, 2009 the Commission adopted permanent rules (OAR Chapter 690, Division 190) that provide the guidance and standards by which affected landowners can meet the requirements of SB 788. The Commission has determined that efficient administration and enforcement of the permanent rules (OAR Chapter 690, Division 190) requires that the temporary administrative rules, contained in OAR Chapter 690, Division 180, should be suspended and that the timing of the suspension should coincide with the effective date of the permanent rules.

The Commission hereby suspends OAR Chapter 690, Division 180, consisting of 690-180-0005; 690-180-0010; 690-180-0100; and 690-180-0200 from the date the suspension is filed with the Oregon Secretary of State through December 27, 2009.

Dated: November 19, 2009

John Jackson, Chair