

FACT SHEET

Burrton IGUCA

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BACKGROUND ON THE BURRTON IGUCA

The Burrton Intensive Groundwater Use Control Area (IGUCA) was initiated on June 11, 1982 by the Equus Beds GMD No. 2 Board of Directors. The reasons for the request were due to deteriorating water quality due to high chloride concentrations detected in the groundwater.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON AUGUST 4, 1982

- Hearing continued to establish a task force
- Task Force was formed and composed of Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Geological Survey, Kansas Water Office, Equus Beds GMD No. 2, Kansas Corporation Commission, Kansas Water Authority, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Producers Association and area water right holders
- Public hearing continued on February 21, 1984

CONCLUSIONS:

- Unreasonable deterioration of the water quality was occurring
- Corrective controls were needed in order to protect public interest
- Waterflow meters required in the IGUCA area
- The potential effects of each application should be reviewed using a computer groundwater model
- Additional recommendations by the Task Force would be forwarded to other entities or agencies having jurisdiction or authority

The Order was issued on June 1, 1984 with a Correctional Order issued on July 24, 1984

PROVISIONS:

- The potential effects of each application will be reviewed using a computer groundwater model
- Directed the Board of Directors of GMD No. 2 to annually review all hydrologic data and allowed them the ability to request a hearing to amend the IGUCA if deemed necessary
- Required installation of flowmeters
- Task Force recommendations considered and forwarded to pertinent agencies
- Chief engineer can amend the IGUCA if deemed to be in the public interest

REVIEW PROCESS:

Pursuant to Kansas Administrative Regulation 5-20-2, the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources (DWR) is now beginning the formal review of the June 1, 1984 order establishing the IGUCA. The purpose of the review is to determine whether the public interest requires that the IGUCA designation be continued, and if so, should there be any adjustment in the IGUCA's provisions.

