



PROGRESS & THE ENVIRONMENT



SRBC Now Registering Grandfathered Water Uses

A new Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) program requiring registration of grandfathered water withdrawals and consumptive uses became effective on January 1, 2018. This program was initiated given that the water use from older, unpermitted facilities reaches approximately 1 billion gallons per day, which is roughly equal to the total amount currently accounted for and managed by the SRBC. This program provides a means for water users to maintain their grandfathered exemption(s) from obtaining future permits. To take advantage of this Grandfathered Water Uses Registration Program, facilities must register their grandfathered withdrawals and consumptive uses before December 31, 2019.



An online grandfathered water uses registration process has been developed to assist preparers with submitting the information required by the SRBC in fulfillment of the registration requirements. There is no fee if registration is completed within the first six months of 2018; however, a registration fee of \$500 will be charged for registrations completed from July 1 through December 31, 2018, followed by a registration fee of \$1,000 for registrations completed from January 1 through December 31, 2019. A properly registered grandfathered facility retains its existing exempt status and is not subject to future permit review and approval by the SRBC unless there is:

- A change in the nature of the water use;
- A change in facility ownership;
- Addition of a new source; or
- Any amount of increase in withdrawal or use above the grandfathered quantity as determined through the registration process.

The new registration program applies to facilities that:

- Have a groundwater withdrawal of 100,000 gallons per day or more initiated prior to July 13, 1978; and/or
- Have a surface water withdrawal of 100,000 gallons per day or more initiated prior to November 11, 1995;
- Consume 20,000 gallons per day or more from surface water, groundwater, a combination thereof, or any other source (including a public supply), initiated prior to January 23, 1971.

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SKELLY and LOY's professional staff is knowledgeable and experienced in completing SRBC online permit applications and will be happy to help your facility to comply with this new registration program.

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