



Fact Sheet

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority has been established under *The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Act, 2005* to manage, administer, develop, control and protect the water, watersheds and related land resources of Saskatchewan.

The right to use ground water and surface water is vested in the Crown and is administered by the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority. A Term Water Rights Licence is required for industries using water for temporary processing operations including: mineral exploration and mining, oil exploration and recovery, manufacturing, gravel washing, road construction, hydraulic pressure testing, thermal power generation and other purposes the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority may designate.

Exemptions

The following types of use are exempt from requiring a Term Water Rights Licence:

- Water supplied directly from licenced municipal waterworks systems.
- Water to be used for domestic use, provided the water is being supplied from a source on the owners or occupiers land (see Fact Sheet FS-315 for information on domestic water use).

Guidelines

The evaluation of each application will consider scarcity of the water supply, impacts to adjacent water users, purpose of the water use and quality of the source water. A licence may be denied if adverse impacts are identified or the source of water is inappropriate.

Request for withdrawals from small surface water sources such as dugouts may be limited to a maximum withdrawal of 2000 cubic metres per year.

Generally, the term of the licence will be less than one year. Proponents may use a single application to apply for multiple points of diversion; however, each diversion point will be considered for licence independently.

The application should be submitted at least three working days before the intended use date, to provide sufficient time to process the application and to provide sufficient time to find an alternative source, should the application be denied.

Fees (Non-refundable)

The application fee is \$100.00 for each point of diversion.

An Industrial Water Use fee will be charged for water use in increments of 1000 cubic metres, based on current policy. Volumes will be metered or estimated by methods acceptable to the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority.

Other Approvals May Be Required

Some approvals which may also be required include:

- Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit issued by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment.
- Clearance by Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Applications and Information

An application form (RG-113) for a Term Water Rights Licence and information of Industrial Water Use Charges (Fact Sheet FS-301) are available on our website (www.swa.ca) or inquiries can be directed to the nearest Saskatchewan Watershed Authority office:

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