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Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 1501-2-02 Definitions.

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For purposes of rules 1501-2-01 to 1501-2-12 of the Administrative Code:

(A) "Chief" means the chief of the division of water resources of the department of natural resources.

(B) "Division" means the division of water resources of the department of natural resources.

(C) "Applicant" means a person making application for a water diversion permit.

(D) "Application" means an application for the water diversion permit required by section 1521.22 of the Revised Code and rules adopted pursuant to that section.

(E) "One hundred thousand gallons per day" means an average of one hundred thousand gallons per day for any consecutive thirty day period.

(F) "Diversion" means a withdrawal of waters of this state from the Ohio river drainage basin and transfer to another basin without return. Diversion does not include evaporative loss within the Ohio river drainage basin.

(G) "Withdrawal" means the removal or taking of any waters of the state of Ohio.

(H) "Lake Erie drainage basin" means the lands and waters located within the state of Ohio that constitute part of the watershed of lake Erie.

(I) "Ohio river drainage basin" means the lands and waters located within the state of Ohio that constitute part of the watershed of the Ohio river.

(J) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association, or other legal entity, or any political subdivision, instrumentality, or agency of this state or the United States.

(K) "Waters of the state" means all streams, lakes, ponds, marshes, watercourses, waterways, wells, springs, irrigation systems, drainage systems, and other bodies or accumulations of water, surface and underground, natural or artificial, regardless of the depth of the strata in which underground water is located, that are situated wholly or partly within, or border upon, this state or are within its jurisdiction.

(L) "Completed application" means an application for a water diversion permit, required by section 1521.22 of the Revised Code and rules adopted pursuant to that section, which has been reviewed and determined by the chief not to be defective according to rule 1501-2-05 of the Administrative Code.