

# Division 512 Critical Groundwater Area Rule Language Outline

This document outlines how OWRD proposes to draft the Harney Basin Critical Groundwater Area rule language.

## **690-512-#### Definitions**

This section will contain:

1. The definition of permissible total withdrawal.
2. The definition of target groundwater level trend.
3. The definition of subarea.
4. The definition of the GHVGAC.
5. The definition of groundwater magnitude envelope.
6. Additional definitions as needed.

## **690-512-#### Administrative Boundaries**

This section will contain:

1. Language defining the exterior boundary of the Harney Basin Critical Groundwater Area.
2. Language defining the subareas of the Harney Basin Critical Groundwater Area.
3. References to exhibits illustrating the administrative boundaries.
4. Language characterizing the Harney Basin groundwater reservoir.

## **690-512-#### Harney Basin Critical Groundwater Area**

This section will contain:

1. The goal of the department for groundwater level trends.
2. Language for a provision to check the rules every 3 years.
3. Language for a provision to check groundwater conditions at least every 10 years.
4. Language for a provision closing the entire basin to future appropriation.

## **690-512-#### Permissible Total Withdrawals for the X Number of Subareas within the Harney Basin Critical Groundwater Area**

This section will contain:

1. Language defining the permissible total withdrawal for each defined subarea.

## **690-512-#### Allocation of the Permissible Total Withdrawal**

This section will contain:

1. Language defining how the permissible total withdrawal will be allocated.

## **690-512-#### Adaptive Management of the Harney Basin Critical Groundwater Area**

This section will contain:

1. Purpose statement.
2. Language defining the process for evaluating groundwater level trends.
3. Language defining the provisional timeline for implementing the permissible total withdrawal and the process of allocating groundwater.
4. Language defining the process for evaluating incremental progress towards achieving a target groundwater level trend of zero decline.
5. Language defining the process for adjusting the provisional timeline.
6. Language defining the process for announcing the adaptive management analysis and decisions.