# Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources CHANGE: P/D WORKSHEET

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## Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources WAIVER REQUEST & WAIVER RULE WORKSHEET

File Number: <u>34,044</u> FO: <u>3</u> GMD: <u>4</u>

### WAIVER REQUEST:

, UMW	Date Requested	Rule ID	Applies	Rule Type	Rule Subtype			
IRR	1/13/2017	50	Statewide	Battery of Wells	Conversion to a Battery			
Rule Number	Date Granted	Date Denied	Justification:	The wells are existing, having a location, rate and distribution system meet the definition of a battery. No new wells will be drilled. Grounds				
K.A.R. 5-2-3	5/1/2017			Management District No. 4 recommende				

### **WAIVER RULE:**

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Date Prepared 4/14/2017 By LI

Date Entered 5/2/2017 By CLM

#### KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Jackie McClaskey, Secretary of Agriculture

#### DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

David W. Barfield, Chief Engineer

## WAIVER OF REGULATION K.A.R. 5-2-3 Battery of Wells

Date:

5/1/17

RE: Water Right, File Nos. 34,041 & 34,044

- 1. That K.A.R. 5-2-3 states that once the time to complete the diversion works has expired, a change in point of diversion to create a battery of wells must meet the criteria for a new application to appropriate water, such as safe yield, allowable appropriation, or similar regulation, for a new well at that location or a specific regulation applicable to batteries of wells.
- 2. That the application to change the point of diversion has been requested under the referenced file and File No. 34,044, to operate as a battery of two(2) wells as the wells meet the physical definition of a battery, which will divert a combined total of 30.5 acre-feet at 72 gallons per minute for stockwatering use.
- 4. The rights are located within Groundwater Management District No. 4 which has a specific regulation for changing rights to a battery of wells, however the proposal doesn't meet any of the requirements.
- 5. The District has recommended approval of the applications for change and supported the requested waiver of regulation.
- 6. No new wells will be drilled, so the local source of supply will remain unchanged.
- 7. There will be no increase in the quantity of water diverted, and the change to a battery of two (2) wells will not impair existing water rights nor adversely affect the public interest.

Comments:

David W. Barfield, P.E. Chief Engineer

Division of Water Resources
Kansas Department of Agriculture

## KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Division of Water Resources

#### M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Files

**DATE:** April 14, 2017

FROM: Leslie Ireland

**RE:** Water Right, File Nos. 34,041 & 34,044

Craig Hills on behalf of H & H Farms Inc., has submitted applications to change the points of diversion to create a battery for stockwatering use. The applicant had Ray Luhman, Manager of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater District No. 4 assist with the applications. The applications were received on January 13, 2017.

The referenced files appear to comply with K.S.A. 82a-732 and K.A.R. 5-5-2a.

The change to a battery will facilitate the pumping of the combined total authorized quantity from either well for pumping flexibility.

The proposed change is to make the two (2) existing wells into a battery of two (2) wells. A review of the referenced files found that the spacing of the wells meet the spacing as defined for a battery, as the wells are approximately 261 feet apart. The senior right, File No. 34,041 is authorized 7 acre-feet and a rate not to exceed 21 gallons per minute with File No. 34,044 authorized 23.5 acre-feet and a rate not to exceed 51 gallons per minute for a combined total of 30.5 acre-feet (9.94 million gallons) and combined rate of 72 gallons per minute. The wells are located in the North Fork of the Solomon River Basin with their source of supply designated as the Ogallala Formation. The rights do not appear to be in a special use area, but are located within the boundaries of Northwest Kansas Groundwater District No. 4 (GMD 4).

The well under File No. 34.041, is located in Section 27, Township 8, South, Range 33, West, Thomas County will have its actual well location updated to the February 2009 GPS determined coordinates. The actual well location under File No. 34,041, is in the (SW1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4) updated to 186 feet North and 655 feet West of the Southeast corner of Section 27. The well under File No. 34,044, located in the (NE¼ NE¼ NE¼) will be updated by the July 2011 compliance investigation to 5.201 feet North and 599 feet West of the Southeast corner of Section 32. The actual well locations appear to comply with K.A.R. 5-5-6, Failure to construct diversion works at authorized location, as the correction of the wells feet distances are less than 300 feet or the 50 foot allowance per the 2011 change approval for File No. 34,044. The GPS locations will result in a geographical center described as being located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4) of Section 27, more particularly described as being near a point 62 feet North and 614 feet West of the Southeast corner of said section, in Township 8 South, Range 33 West, Thomas County, Kansas. This geographical center will authorize a total of 9.94 million gallons (30.5 acre-feet) at 72 gallons per minute under File Nos. 34,041 & 34,044. Each right will remain with its authorized quantity and rate, so the applications were corrected, as a change cannot increase a rights quantity or rate.

The proposed existing wells meet the definition of a battery as per K.A.R. 5-1-1-(n), *Battery of wells*. The updated location of the wells indicates them to be 261 feet apart, placing them within a 300 foot radius of the proposed geocenter. The combined rate of 72 gallons per minute is less than the 800 gallons per minute maximum. Records do not specifically indicate the wells have distributed water through a common distribution system, but have been serving the same feedlot and feed manufacturing facility since they were authorized in the 80's.

The proposed changes <u>do not comply</u> with K.A.R. 5-2-3; *Battery of wells*, specifically part (b)(1), which states that once the time to complete the diversion works has expired, a change in point of diversion to create a battery of wells must meet the criteria for a new application to appropriate water, such as safe yield, allowable appropriation or similar regulation for a new well at that location. The wells are located in GMD 4, who has a specific regulation for the allowance of changes regarding batteries, in part (c)(1) of K.A.R. 5-24-6, *Changes in points of diversion*. It appears a safe yield determination by WIMAS show the area is over appropriated and closed to new appropriations, however the referenced files were the last to rights approved in the area and it would appear they were approved as 25 acre-foot exemptions. Under this old regulation it would appear the rights could have met part (b)(2) of K.A.R. 5-2-3 and K.A.R. 5-24-6. In a letter received on April 7, 2017, Ray Luhman, Manager of GMD 4, indicated the District recommends a waiver of K.A.R. 5-2-3, supporting the approval of the applications. **Waivers of K.A.R. 5-2-3 and K.A.R. 5-24-6,** have been prepared as recommend by GMD 4. Additionally, the wells are existing, so no new wells will be drilled. The wells serve the feedlot facility.

There are two(2) irrigation wells located within one-half (½) mile of the proposed geographical center. The closest irrigation well, under File No. 22,466, is owned by the applicant. The irrigation well under File No. 11,433, was indicated by WRIS to be approximately 1,867 feet to the East. The proposed battery authorizing 30.2 acre-feet requires 1,400 feet of well to well spacing per part (a)(1)(B) of K.A.R. 5-24-3, *Well spacing*. The applications comply with part 5 of this regulation.

Kelly Stewart, Water Commissioner, Stockton Field Office recommended approval of the referenced applications and supported the waiver of K.A.R. 5-2-3 and 5-24-6, per his e-mail dated April 12, 2017.

A water flowmeter will be required on the proposed battery. Check valves will also be required if chemigating. Water level measurement tubes and a WWC-5 are not applicable to the changes, as no new wells will be drilled.

Based on the above discussion, that a waiver of K.A.R. 5-2-3, *Battery of wells* is approved, the changes appears to be reasonable, impairment to nearby water rights is unlikely and that no change in the local source of supply will occur, it is recommended that the referenced applications be approved.

Leslie Ireland

**Environmental Scientist** 

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Water Appropriation Program



1320 Research Park Drive Manhattan, Kansas 66502 (785) 564-6700 900 SW Jackson, Room 456 Topeka, Kansas 66612 (785) 296-3556

Jackie McClaskey, Secretary

May 2, 2017

Governor Sam Brownback

H & H FARMS INC CRAIG HILLS PO BOX 564 COLBY KS 67701 FILE COPY

RE: Water Right, File Nos. 34,041 & 34,044

Dear Mr. Hills:

Enclosed are the orders executed by the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, approving the applications for change under the files referenced above.

Your attention is directed to the enclosures, terms, and the conditions specified in the approvals for change. A condition of the approvals is that an acceptable water flowmeter must be installed on the diversion works authorized. Please return the required and the enclosed form, Notification of the Completion of the Diversion Works to acknowledge the approval and upon completion of battery that will be authorized under both files.

Since these orders modify the original document referred to above, they should be recorded with the Register of Deeds as other instruments affecting real estate.

If you have any questions, please contract Leslie Ireland, Environmental Scientist, at (785) 564-6633. If you wish to discuss a specific file, please have the file number ready so that we may help you more efficiently.

Sincerely,

Brent A. Turney, P.G.

Change Application Unit Supervisor

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Enclosures

pc: Stockton Field Office

Groundwater Management District No. 4



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#### KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Jackie McClaskey, Secretary of Agriculture

**DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES** 

David W. Barfield, Chief Engineer

#### APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN POINT OF DIVERSION WATER RIGHT FILE NO. 34,044



The Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, after due consideration of the written application of Craig Hills on behalf of H & H Farms, Inc., PO Box 564, Colby, Kansas 67701, received in this office on January 13, 2017, for approval of a change in the location of the point of diversion under the certificate of appropriation issued pursuant to the application for permit to appropriate water for beneficial use, as modified and amended by the Order of the Chief Engineer dated May 16, 2011, approving the application to change the point of diversion, finds that the change is reasonable and will not impair existing rights, that the change relates to the same local source of supply and that the application should be and is hereby approved.

The effective date of the change shall be the date this order is executed by the Chief Engineer, after which the authorized location of the point of diversion authorized for stockwatering shall be:

a battery of two (2) wells with a geographic center located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE½ SE½ SE½) of Section 27, more particularly described as being near a point 62 feet North and 614 feet West of the Southeast corner of said section, in Township 8 South, Range 33 West, Thomas County, Kansas,

located substantially as shown on the topographic map accompanying the application to change the point of diversion.

All diversion works into which any type of chemical or other foreign substance will be injected into the water pumped from the diversion works shall be equipped with an in-line, automatic, quick-closing check valve capable of preventing pollution of the source of the water supply. The type of valve installed shall meet specifications adopted by the Chief Engineer and shall be maintained in an operating condition satisfactory to the Chief Engineer.

That the battery of wells authorized herein shall be located within a three hundred (300) foot radius circle and be in the same local source of supply.

The water right owner shall properly install an acceptable water meter on the diversion works authorized under this water right, prior to the use of water, in strict accordance with the Kansas Administrative Regulations 5-1-4 through 5-1-12 adopted by the Chief Engineer. The water right owner shall notify the Chief Engineer when installation of the water meter has been completed. The water right owner shall maintain the water meter in an operating condition satisfactory to the Chief Engineer, at all times during diversion of water and shall maintain records from which the total quantity of water diverted may be determined. The water right owner shall also report the reading of said water meter and the total quantity of water diverted annually to the Chief Engineer. Such records shall be furnished to the Chief Engineer by March 1 following the end of each calendar year.

Installation of the works for diversion of water shall be completed on or before December 31, 2017 or within any authorized extension of time. The applicant shall notify the Chief Engineer of the Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, when construction of the works for diversion has been completed.

In all other respects, the Certificate of Appropriation issued pursuant to Approval of Application, File No. 34,044, for permit to appropriate water for beneficial use, is as stated and set forth in the Certificate of Appropriation dated August 3, 1989, as modified and amended by the aforementioned order.

This Order shall become a final agency action, as defined by K.S.A. 77-607(b), without further notice to the parties, if a request for hearing or a petition for administrative review is not filed as set forth below.

Request for Hearing. According to K.A.R. 5-14-3(c), any party who desires a hearing must submit a request within 15 days after the date shown on the Certificate of Service attached to this Order. Filing a request for a hearing will give you the opportunity to submit additional facts for consideration, contest any findings made by the Chief Engineer or present any other information you believe should be considered in this matter. A timely-filed request for hearing will stay the deadline for requesting administrative review of this Order pending the outcome of the hearing.

Petition for Review. Any person aggrieved by this Summary Order may petition for administrative review, pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-708b(a) and K.S.A. 82a-1901(a). The petition must be filed within 30 days after the date shown on the Certificate of Service attached to this Order and must set forth the basis for the review, unless stayed by the timely filing of a request for hearing.

Any request for hearing or petition for administrative review shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the attention of: Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, Fax: (785) 564 – 6777.

Ordered this is day of now 2017, at Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas. Januarin Market CHIEF ENGINEE

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Engine David W. Barfield. Chief Engineer Division of Water Resources Division of VVater Resources

Ansas Department of Agriculture State of Kansas County of Riley

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of M 2017, by David W. Barfield, P.E., Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture.

> KAREN HUNTER My Appointment Expires October 24, 2018

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On this Mod day of Mod , 2017, I hereby certify that the attached Approval of Application for Change in Point of Diversion, Water Right, File No. 34,044, dated May 1, 2017 was mailed postage prepaid, first class, US mail to the following:

H & H Farms, Inc. Craig Hills PO Box 564 Colby, KS 67701

With a Photocopy to:

Stockton Field Office Groundwater Management District No. 4

Division of Water Resources

Submit To: CHIEF ENGINEER
Division of Water Resources
Kansas Department of Agriculture
1320 Research Park Drive
Manhattan, KS 66502
http://agriculture.ks.gov/dwr

#### APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE PLACE OF USE, THE POINT OF DIVERSION OR THE USE MADE OF THE WATER UNDER AN EXISTING WATER RIGHT



SCANNED

Filing Fee Must Accompany the Application

(Please refer to Fee Schedule on signature page of application form.)

Paragraph Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 8 must be completed. Complete all other applicable portions. A topographic map or detailed plat showing the authorized and proposed points(s) of diversion and /or place of use must accompany this application.

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12.	The	e pre	esently authorized use of water is for STK	purposes.
	It is	pro	posed that the use be changed to <u>NO CHANGE</u>	purposes.
13.	If c	hang	ging the place of use and/or use made of water, describe how the consumpti	ve use will not be increased.
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	(Ple	ase s	show any calculations here.)	
14.	It is	req	uested that the maximum annual quantity of water be reduced to <u>NA</u>	(acre-feet or million gallons).
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16.	1:24 Kar Dis sho	4,00 nsas tanc ould	plication must include either a topographic map or detailed plat. A U.S. Ge 0, is available through the Kansas Geological Survey, 1930 Constant Av 66047-3726 ( <a href="www.usgs.gov">www.usgs.gov</a> ). The map should show the location of the pees North and West of the Southeast corner of the section must be shown also be shown. Identify the center of the section, the section lines and the se, township, and range numbers on the map. In addition the following information.	venue, University of Kansas, Lawrence, resently authorized point(s) of diversion.  The presently authorized place of use section corners and show the appropriate
	a.	If a	change in the location of the point(s) of diversion is proposed, show:	
		1)	The location of the proposed point(s) of diversion. Distances North and We must be shown. Please be certain that the information shown on the map Paragraph Nos. 9, 10 and 11 of the application.	
		2)	If the source of supply is groundwater, please show the location of exidomestic wells, within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the proposed well or wells. Identify each mailing address of the property owner or owners. If there are no wells with	well as to its use and furnish name and
		3)	If the source of supply is surface water, the names and mailing addresses and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile upstream from your property lines must be shown.	s of all landowner(s) ½ mile downstream
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18. If the proposed change(s) does not meet all applicable rules and regulations of the Kansas Water Appropriation Act, please identify the rules and regulations for which you request a waiver. State the reason why a waiver is needed and why the request should be granted. Attach documentation showing that granting the request will not impair existing water rights and will not prejudicially and unreasonably affect the public interest.

REQUEST A WAIVER OF KAR 5-2-3 & KAR 5-24-6. WELLS ARE NOW OPERATED AS A BATTERY.

IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED, ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY

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Any use of water that is not as authorized by the water right or permit to authorize water <u>before</u> the chief engineer approves this application is a violation of the Kansas Water Appropriation Act for which criminal or civil penalties may be assessed. Such violation is a class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 and/or a term of confinement not to exceed one month in the county jail. K.S.A. 82a-728(b). Civil penalties shall be not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 per violation. In the case of a continuing violation, each day such violation continues may be deemed a separate violation. In addition to these penalties the water right may be modified or suspended. K.S.A. 82a-737, as amended.

The application must be signed by all owners of the place of use authorized under the water right and his or her spouse, if married. Please indicate if there is no spouse. If land is being purchased under contract, the seller must sign as landowner until such time as the contract is completed.

In the event that all applicants cannot appear before one notary public, they may as necessary sign separate copies of the application before any notary public conveniently available to them. All copies signed in this manner shall be considered to be valid parts of the application.

If the request is signed on behalf of any Owner by someone with legal authority to do so (for example, an agent, one who has power of attorney, or an executor, executrix, conservator), it will be necessary to attach proper documents showing such authority.

as specified in sections 14 and 15 of this application.	Vanada dhia	914	Jan	202 17
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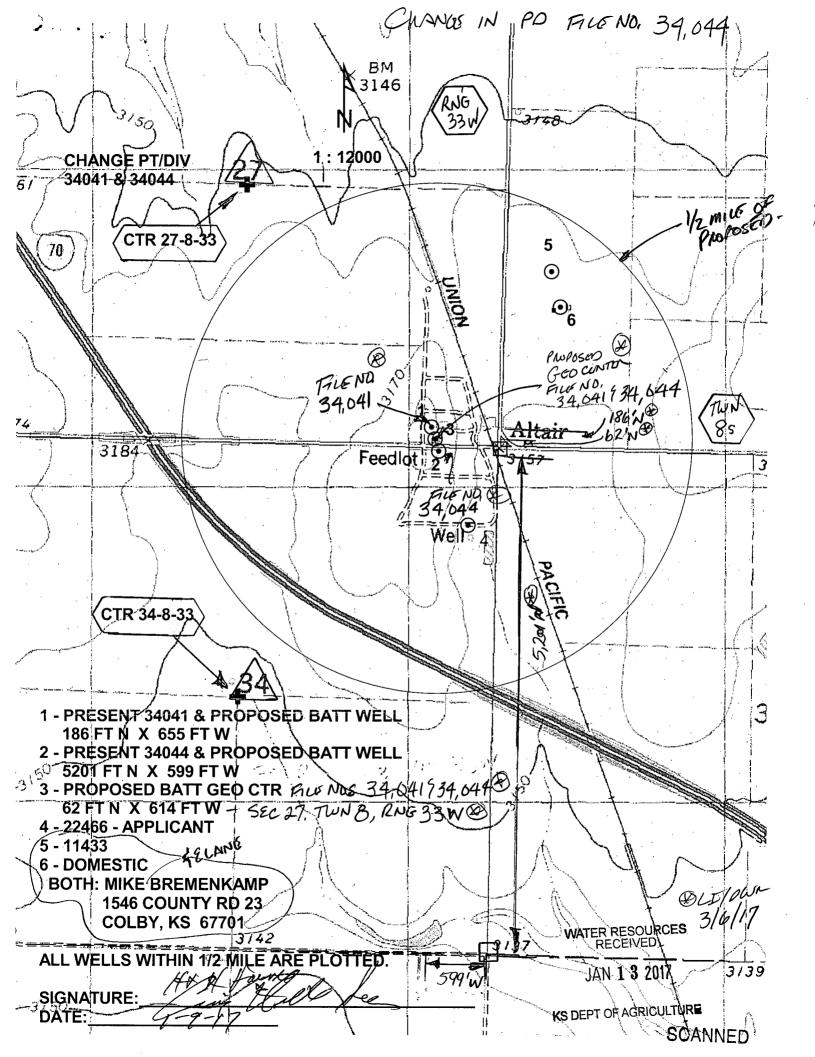
Make check payable to Kansas Department of Agriculture.

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#### Ireland, Leslie

From:

Stewart, Kelly

Sent:

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 9:22 AM

To:

Ireland, Leslie

Cc:

Billinger, Mark; Hageman, Rebecca

Subject:

RE: Recommendation for Change in PD, File Nos. 34,041 & 34,044, H&H Farms

Leslie,

I have no objection to the approval of these applications and the waiver.

Kelly

From: Ireland, Leslie

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:34 AM **To:** Stewart, Kelly <Kelly.Stewart@ks.gov> **Cc:** Billinger, Mark <Mark.Billinger@ks.gov>

Subject: Recommendation for Change in PD, File Nos. 34,041 & 34,044, H&H Farms

Kelly,

Please let me know if you could recommend these changes that will create a battery of wells under these rights, with the GMD recommended waivers.

As always comments and concerns are welcome.

Leslie Ireland, Environmental Scientist II Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources - Change Unit (785) 564-6633 Leslie.Ireland@ks.gov www.agriculture.ks.gov 1290 West 4th Street P.O. Box 905 Colby, Kansas 67701-0905

April 3, 2017

Leslie Ireland Division of Water Resources 1320 Research Park Drive Manhattan KS 66502

RE: Applications: 34,041 and 34,044

H & H Farms, Inc.

Dear Leslie

The Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District has reviewed the above referenced application and based on our records and the information supplied by the applicant, we have determined that the following recommendations be made to the Chief Engineer:

- Waive KAR 5-2-3 and KAR 5-24-6. Approve applications.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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Ray Luhman Manager

RPL: rw

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Jackie McClaskey, Secretary

Governor Sam Brownback

March 29, 2017

NORTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO 4 ATTN RAY LUHMAN PO BOX 905 COLBY KS 67701-0905

Re: Water Right, File Nos. 34,041 & 34,044

Dear Mr. Luhman:

We are enclosing copies of applications for change in point of diversion under the referenced files which appear to be in proper form. We did not receive any comments to the notification letters that were sent to the nearby well owners.

We are delaying any further action for a period of 15 days from the date of this letter to allow you time to submit your recommendations.

Please submit your recommendation within the allotted time, or any authorized extension of time thereof. If you wish to refer to a specific file, please reference it when you contact us.

Sincerely,

Leslie Ireland

**Environmental Scientist** 

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**Enclosures** 

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Stockton Field Office

Craig Hill, H & H Farms, Inc.

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Jackie McClaskey, Secretary

Governor Sam Brownback

March 14, 2017

MIKE & ELAINE BREMENKAMP 1546 COUNTY ROAD 23 COLBY KS 67701

RE: Water Right, File Nos. 34,041 & 34,044

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is to advise you that Craig Hills on behalf of H & H Farms, Inc., has filed applications for approval of the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, to change the point of diversion under each of the above referenced files.

The applications propose the following change in point of diversion to overlap the existing wells to create a battery of two (2) wells:

from:

one (1) well located in located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW½ SE½ SE½) of Section 27, more particularly described as being near a point 186 feet North and 655 feet West of the Southeast corner of said section, authorized under File No. 34,041 and,

one (1) well located in located Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE½ NE½ NE½) of Section 34, more particularly described as being near a point 5,201 feet North and 599 feet West of the Southeast corner of said section, authorized under File No. 34,044,

to:

a battery of two (2) wells with a geographical center located Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼ SE¼ SE¼) of Section 27, more particularly described as being near a point 62 feet North and 614 feet West of the Southeast corner of said section,

all in Township 8 South, Range 33 West, Thomas County Kansas

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RE: Water Right, File Nos. 34,041 & 34,044

You are being notified of the proposed changes so that you may furnish this office written comments or other information you may desire to submit. Such written comments or other information must be received in this office within 15 days from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact our office, my desk phone is (785) 564-6633. If you wish to discuss a specific file, please have the file numbers ready so that we may help you more efficiently.

Sincerely,

Leslie Ireland

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Environmental Scientist

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Groundwater Management District No. 4

Craig Hill, H & H Farms Inc.

## DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES-KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATION

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Field Office No G.M.D. No County TH
File No. 34041 Overlap P/D or P/D File No(s). 34041
Agency DWR Inspector MEANS
Reason: New Application Regular P/D Change P/U Change Meter Installed Short Move P/D Change Other
Date of Order 5-16-11 Date of N of C Ack 6-1-11 Chg No. C 1 Date completed If PD chg, old PD ID 5
Current Landowner H4 H Farms INC. Phone No. (785) 443 - 1075
Address Craig Hills PO Box 564 Colby KS 67701  Additional landowners and addresses identified in remarks section.
Water Use Correspondent Same as above Phone No.
Authorized Domestic Industrial Irrigation Municipal Hydraulic Dredging Water Use Recreation Stockwatering Water Power Artificial Recharge Contamination Remediation Classification Dewatering Fire Protection Thermal Exchange Sediment Control Other
Water currently being used forSTK
Source: ☑ Groundwater ☐ Surface Water Basin/Stream
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Actual Point of Diversion: NE NE NE Sec. 34, T. 8 s, R. 33 w
Approximately 520 ft. North and 599 ft. West of SE corner of Sec 34.
How were distances determined? <u>GPS / LEO</u> Latitude <u>39.32141°</u> Longitude <u>100.98254°</u>
Distance from old pd $32$ ft $6/5$ and $62$ ft $6/5$ W) Old well: plugged $\Box$ capped $\Box$ equipped $\Box$ other:?
Location (site) map attached? Y / N
Comments:
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Jackie McClaskey, Secretary

Governor Sam Brownback

January 18, 2017

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H & H FARMS INC PO BOX 564 COLBY, KS

RE: File No. 34044

Dear Sir or Madam:

An application for approval of the Chief Engineer to change the following condition or conditions of the file number referred to above has been received:

☐ place of use PD☐ point of diversion☐ use made of water

As a matter of record, the Division of Water Resources has on hand a large number of applications awaiting processing. Therefore, to be fair to all concerned, and so that we can process those applications on hand in the order they were received, we intend to concentrate on the backlog of applications until the issue is resolved. You will be contacted regarding this application as soon as it has been examined.

In accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Water Appropriation Act, a portion of which is included below, the use of water prior to approval of the application is unlawful. You should not proceed and divert water as indicated by your plans in your application for a change for this file until you receive approval for this change from the Chief Engineer. Once approved, compliance with the terms, conditions and limitations of the permit is necessary. Conservation of the water resources of Kansas is required.

Section 82a-728 of the Kansas Water Appropriation Act, provides (a) except for the appropriation of water for the purpose of domestic use, . . . it shall be unlawful for any person to appropriate or threaten to appropriate water from any source without first applying for and obtaining a permit to appropriate water in accordance with the provisions of the Water Appropriation Act or for any person to violate any condition of a vested right, appropriation right or an approved application for a permit to appropriate water for beneficial use.

(b) (1) The violation of any provision of this section by any person is a class C misdemeanor...

A class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 and/or a term of confinement not to exceed one month in the county jail. Each day that the violation occurs constitutes a separate offense

If you have any questions, please contact me at (785) 564-6645. If you wish to discuss a specific file, please have the file number ready so that we may help you more efficiently.

Sincerely.

Brent A Turney, L.G.

Change Applications Unit Supervisor

Water Appropriation Program

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