

## 3.5.2 Overview of the Permit/No-Discharge Permits/ Legal Description

### **Applicability:**

A legal description is applicable to all no-discharge permits.

### **Content:**

The No-discharge Permit rule at 10 CSR 20-6.015(4)(A) directs that the 10 CSR 20-6.010 procedures be followed. 10 CSR 20-6.010(2)(A) requires that applications for permits are to be on forms provided by the department. Permit application forms applicable to no-discharge facilities require legal descriptions for the irrigation sites and points designated as outfalls. An application form is considered incomplete for the purpose of review without this information.

The permittee is to supply the legal description information; that is, the section, township, range, and county for the facility. Further, the section information is to be presented in either quarter-quarter section or quarter-quarter-quarter section detail. The location of irrigation sites is to be specified in quarter-quarter-quarter section detail. The permittee is to supply a topographical map, or a copy of a topographical map, for the area of concern.

The process of developing the three levels of quarters involves dividing a section into quadrants (resulting in quarter sections), dividing quarter sections into quadrants (resulting in quarter-quarter sections), and dividing quarter-quarter sections into quadrants (resulting in quarter-quarter-quarter sections). The sequential levels of quarters are described in compass direction terms: northeast (NE), northwest (NW), southeast (SE) and southwest (SW). For example, a legal description may read the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, section 7, township 56 north, range 5 west, Ralls County. It could be written as SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , T56N, R5W, Ralls County. Range, township and section information is in ARCVIEW, on the USGS topographical maps and the County Highway Maps.

Legal descriptions also are required for all outfalls. No-discharge systems have outfall number assignments for the emergency overflow at the lagoon and likely points of runoff from the irrigation sites. "Outfalls" also may be assigned to in-stream points or other locations at which monitoring is required. Note that the permit application forms require outfall legal descriptions in quarter-quarter section detail that is less specific than required for irrigation sites.

Current permitting practices call for all outfalls to have latitude and longitude information. This information is currently obtained using a GPS unit and following the current departmental GPS policy and guidelines. The GPS reading is sent to the planning section on a Locational Data Collection Sheet for review and the information is entered into WQIS.

### **Legal References:**

#### *Code of State Regulations*

<a href="#"><u>10 CSR 20-6.010(1)(A)</u></a>	Construction and Operating Permits -
10 CSR 20-6.010(2)(A)	Construction and Operating Permits - General - Permits Required for Point Sources
10 CSR 20-6.015(4)(A)	No-Discharge Permits - Permits - Application and Processing Procedures

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