

**15A NCAC 02E .0605 WATER USE REDUCTION REPORTING, NEW WATER WITHDRAWAL REPORTING AND REGIONAL COORDINATION DURING DROUGHTS**

In order to promote regional cooperation for the equitable use of water resources during a drought or other water supply emergency, all persons, as specified below, shall comply with the following reporting and coordination procedures:

- (1) Publicly and privately owned community water systems and units of local government shall report to the Division of Water Resources the implementation of mandatory water conservation measures within 72 hours of their initial enactment.
- (2) All persons that intend to make a new water withdrawal that have not previously been registered under G.S. 143-215.22H, of 100,000 gallons or more in an area designated by the Council as suffering from Extreme or Exceptional Drought shall report to the Division of Water Resources, by the same means outlined in Rule .0604(3) of this Section, the following information at least seven days prior to the withdrawal:
  - (a) Contact information for the person making the water withdrawal;
  - (b) Source(s) of water to be withdrawn;
  - (c) Number of days water is anticipated to be withdrawn; and
  - (d) Anticipated average daily withdrawal in million gallons per day (MGD).
- (3) All persons that withdraw water shall monitor drought and water supply conditions and shall participate in regional coordination for the management of water resources, evaluation of the cumulative effects of water withdrawals on regional water resources, and the development of alternative water supply sources. Based on an assessment of drought severity and regional water supply conditions, the Department may contact water systems within the affected region to arrange a consultation meeting between water systems and relevant state and local agencies. The Department shall moderate these consultations and provide technical assistance.

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