

**WAC 173-134A-120 Exemptions.** (1) The permit program of WAC 173-134A-080(2) shall not relate to (a) agricultural drains or (b) withdrawals of artificially stored groundwaters performed for the purpose of removing excess waters injurious to private or project lands, to bureau canals or wasteways or other similar facilities; provided that no activities pertaining to (b) above will be conducted without first notifying the department and requesting its comment within a reasonable time.

(2) The permit program of WAC 173-134A-080(2) shall not relate to withdrawals by public entities of artificially stored groundwaters performed as a necessary incident of the operation of an essential public service activity, such as a solid waste disposal facility or the fighting of fires. The public entity shall not construct facilities for making such withdrawals or engage in such withdrawals without first notifying the department and requesting comments from the department regarding the intended action. This subsection shall not relate to other than essential public services and shall not pertain to the supplying of water for general municipal uses pertaining to satisfaction of industrial and domestic needs.

(3) No permit shall be required under WAC 173-134A-080(2) for withdrawals of artificially stored groundwaters of less than 5,000 gallons per day for stockwatering purposes, for watering of a lawn or of a noncommercial garden not exceeding one-half acre in area, for single or group domestic uses, or for an industrial purpose as prescribed in RCW 90.44.050 pertaining to the withdrawal of public groundwaters.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.21A.060, 43.21A.080, 43.27A.090, 90.44.130, 90.54.040(2) and chapter 90.03 RCW. WSR 83-12-060 (Order DE 83-10), § 173-134A-120, filed 6/1/83. Formerly WAC 173-134-090.]