Limitation on Irrigated Acres

* For complete regulations see A.R.S. 45-416 and A.R.S. 45-452

* Irrigation includes application of water to ≥2 acres of land for growing crops or pasture
* Only acres of land which were legally irrigated at any time during the 5 years preceding the notice of initiation of an AMA may be irrigated
Metering and Reporting Requirements

* For complete regulations see A.R.S. 45-604, A.R.S. 45-603, and A.A.C. R12-15 Articles 9 & 10
* Non-exempt wells are required to use an approved water measuring device
* Users are required to file an annual report that contains accurate records of the person’s withdrawals, transportation, deliveries and use of groundwater
* Exemptions:
  1. A person who withdraws groundwater from an exempt well
  2. Non-irrigation customers of water providers
  3. A person who owns or leases an irrigation grandfathered right that irrigates ≤10 acres
Well Regulations


* Some restrictions on installation of new exempt wells

* Most new, non-exempt wells require a well impact study to prevent increasing damage to surrounding land and/or other water users
  * Existing non-exempt wells may be replaced without an impact study in some cases
Management Plans contain conservation requirements for agricultural, municipal, and industrial users

* Each Management Plan is tailored to the specific needs of the individual AMA

* See below link for a list of the current AMA Management Plans
Questions?

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