

Pursuant to §46-714(3)(i) exceptions to the stay imposed shall exist for new surface uses to which an existing right or permit is transferred in accordance with state law, but the consumptive use of any such new use can be no greater than the historic consumptive use of the existing surface water use.

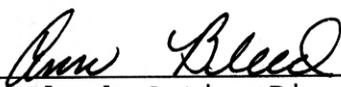
This stay shall not apply to any applications for permits in the Department on September 15, 2006.

This stay shall not prohibit any irrigation district, reclamation district, public power and irrigation district, rural water district or mutual irrigation or canal company from completing a map transfer pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§46-2,121 through 46-2,130 or prohibit an irrigator from increasing the amount of land irrigated as long as the amount of water diverted does not exceed the amount of water currently authorized for diversion in the appropriation permit.

The Director may grant variances from the strict application of this stay upon good cause shown. Variances will be liberally granted for appropriations for alternative methods of irrigation used for public education and/or demonstration projects and for appropriations for surface water to supplement the water supply for land already irrigated. This stay shall remain in effect until January 1, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

August 18, 2006



Ann Bleed, Acting Director

A copy of this Order was mailed on August 21, 2006 to Leon Koehlmoos, General Manager Lower Loup Natural Resource District, 2620 Airport Drive, Ord, Nebraska 68862; and the Department of Natural Resources field offices.