Water Management Plan Update:
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• Entrainment & Impingement Prevention BMPs
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“What does this permit allow me to do?”

An approved WMP is NOT a permit, it is a list of documented sources with assigned withdrawal criteria.
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“This well just moved up in the drilling schedule, and I need to start trucking water today.”

If the date ranges don’t coincide with operator needs, the WMP must be modified.
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“How do I check the reference gauge flow?”

http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wv/nwis/current/?type=flow

48 < 76.83
Not today…
“What’s the deal with pass-by flow?”

In addition to exceeding the minimum flow at the reference gauge, you must also exceed the minimum flow at the withdrawal site. Right now, there is no requirement to verify this flow, but the flow is enforceable. Flow may be verified by DEP even if the reference gauge indicates that withdrawals should be permissible.
“Flow is too low to pump from any of my sources, can I just buy some from the city?”

No sources may be used for a well if they are not documented in an approved Water Management Plan. If additional sources are required, the WMP must be modified.
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“Ok, everything’s all clear, can I start now?”

First you need to:

- Send notification to DEP.Water.Use@wv.gov 24 hours before initiation of withdrawals
- Erect signage
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“Sign? What sign?”

22-6A-8(g)(6)(B)
Signage for water withdrawal locations. All water withdrawal locations and facilities identified in the water management plan shall be identified with a sign that identifies that the location is a water withdrawal point, the name and telephone number of the operator and the permit numbers(s) for which the water withdrawn will be utilized.
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“Oh, that sign.”
Questions?

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