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e-PERMIT GOES LIVE

The Wyoming State Engineer's Office (SEO) has announced that its new electronic workflow management system, dubbed, "**e-Permit**" is operational and available for public use. This multi-year project hosts numerous capabilities including the electronic submittal of applications for new water rights via an internet connection. Other features of the system include:

- Most SEO instruments including all applications, forms, statements of completion, and proof of appropriation/beneficial use forms are available for electronic submittal to the agency.
- All agency water right actions will be processed electronically using desktop computers. This reduces paper processing, improves efficiency and improves the accuracy of data storage.
- A new relational water rights database has been created to expand the search capabilities for water rights information.
- All new agency documents will be stored in digital form in the new Document Management System (DMS). These documents will be available through e-Permit.
- Existing digital images now available through the agency's electronic water rights database will remain available by searching the old database. It should be noted that while the old database will remain available for public searches, it will not be updated after February 5, 2010. The new database will need to be utilized for agency actions taking place after February 5, 2010.
- As time and funding allow, existing paper, maps and microfilm records are being scanned and loaded into the DMS. The public will be able to search and view these images via the internet.
- Geographic Information Systems mapping is available to assist in locating water rights features.

In order to get started using e-Permit, the user needs to first register with the State through its e-Government on-line services. Log-on to <https://egov.state.wy.us/> and follow the instructions to create a personal user profile.

Once the user profile has been created, go to <https://seoweb.wyo.gov/> which is the SEO's e-Permit site.

Embedded in e-Permit are multiple help screens to help users understand and navigate e-Permit. The agency is also planning to conduct e-Permit training sessions on an as needed basis. Anyone wishing to sign up for one of these training sessions should contact Nancy Bales at 307-777-6150 or nbales@seo.wyo.gov

The SEO is pleased to be able to offer to the public, the ability to submit online water rights applications. However, the agency will continue accept paper applications as it has done for the last 120 years. Any user comments regarding the system will be appreciated as we continue to improve the system.

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