

FACT SHEET

McPherson IGUCA

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BACKGROUND ON THE MCPHERSON IGUCA

The McPherson Intensive Groundwater Use Control Area (IGUCA) was initiated on February 13, 1979 by the Equus Beds GMD No. 2 Board of Directors. The reasons for the request were due to excessive declines in groundwater levels and the rate of withdrawal of groundwater in that area appeared to exceed the rate of recharge. The public hearing was held on September 18, 1979 and continued until October 30, 1979.

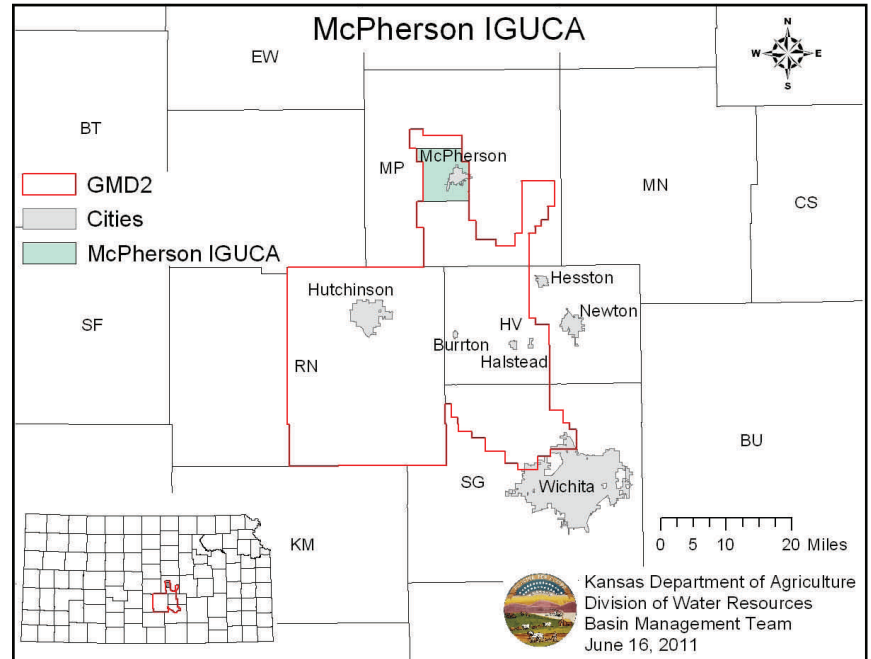
CONCLUSIONS:

- Groundwater levels in the area in question had declined
- The rate of withdrawal of groundwater exceeded the rate of recharge in the area
- Area should be closed to new appropriations

The Order was issued on March 28, 1980

PROVISIONS:

- Closed the area to further groundwater appropriation
- Required installation of water flowmeters
- Directed the Board of Directors of GMD No. 2 to annually review all water related information in the IGUCA and allowed it to request a hearing if amendments to the IGUCA were necessary
- Chief engineer can amend the IGUCA if deemed in the public interest



REVIEW PROCESS:

Pursuant to Kansas Administrative Regulation 5-20-2, the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources (DWR) is now beginning the formal review of the March 28, 1980 order establishing the IGUCA. The purpose of the review is to determine whether the public interest requires that the IGUCA designation be continued, and if so, should there be any adjustment in the IGUCA's provisions.