Title 118 - NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Chapter 6 - GROUND WATER BENEFICIAL USES

001 The beneficial uses of ground water in the State shall be protected from impairment. These include existing or potential use for drinking water, irrigation, livestock watering, industrial and commercial purposes, maintaining assigned surface water uses, and other beneficial uses.

002 Although all beneficial uses included in 001 above shall be protected, the highest and most sensitive beneficial use of ground water is drinking water. Ground water that is suitable for drinking water is usually suitable for other beneficial uses. Therefore, protecting ground water for drinking water use normally protects it for all beneficial uses.

003 The Department will protect the beneficial uses of ground water regardless of its quality.

Enabling Legislation: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1505(1)(2)

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