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TITLE: PERMIT LIFE

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AUTHORITY: Water Rights Act of June 24, 1939, P.L. 842, No. 365, as amended, 32 P.S., 631 *et seq.*

POLICY: All permits shall be issued for a permit life not to exceed 25 years. Where circumstances warrant, permits may be issued for a shorter life.

PURPOSE: This policy establishes a uniform permit life for all permits issued under the Water Rights Act, allowing for exceptions as appropriate.

APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all applications for surface water allocation submitted by a public water supply agency, both for direct withdrawal of surface waters and for purchase of surface waters from another public water supply agency.

DISCLAIMER: The policies and procedures outlined in this guidance document are intended to supplement existing requirements. Nothing in the policies or procedures shall affect regulatory requirements.

The policies and procedures herein are not an adjudication or a regulation. There is no intent on the part of the Department to give these rules that weight or deference. This document establishes the framework, within which DEP will exercise its administrative discretion in the future. DEP reserves the discretion to deviate from this policy statement if circumstances warrant.

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TECHNICAL GUIDANCE:

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