

TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
CHAPTER 27 UNDERGROUND WATER
PART 68 EXTENSION OF THE LEA COUNTY, FORT SUMNER AND CURRY COUNTY
UNDERGROUND WATER BASINS

19.27.68.1 ISSUING AGENCY: Office of the State Engineer.
[19.27.68.1 NMAC - N/E, 9/23/2005]

19.27.68.2 SCOPE: The appropriation and use of underground water within the extended area of the Lea county underground water basin, the extended area of the Fort Sumner underground water basin, and the extended area of the Curry county underground water basin, areas declared by the state engineer to have reasonably ascertainable boundaries.
[19.27.68.2 NMAC - N/E, 9/23/2005]

19.27.68.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Chapter 72, Article 12, NMSA 1978. Section 72-1-1 NMSA 1978 provides that all natural waters flowing in streams and water courses belong to the public and are subject to appropriation for beneficial use. Section 72-2-1 NMSA 1978 gives the state engineer general supervision of waters of the state and of the measurement, appropriation and distribution thereof and such other duties as required. Section 72-2-8 NMSA 1978 gives the state engineer authority to adopt regulations and codes to implement and enforce any provision of any law administered by him and also provides the state engineer with authority to issue orders necessary to implement his decisions and to aid him in the accomplishment of his duties. Section 72-2-9 NMSA 1978 gives the state engineer authority over and supervision of the apportionment of water in this state according to the licenses issued by him and his predecessors and the adjudications of the courts.
[19.27.68.3 NMAC - N/E, 9/23/2005]

19.27.68.4 DURATION: Permanent.
[19.27.68.4 NMAC - N/E, 9/23/2005]

19.27.68.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: September 23, 2005, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[19.27.68.5 NMAC - N/E, 9/23/2005]

19.27.68.6 OBJECTIVE: To establish administrative control over the appropriation and use of underground water within the extended area of the Lea county underground water basin, the extended area of the Fort Sumner underground water basin, and the extended area of the Curry county underground water basin, areas declared by the state engineer to have reasonably ascertainable boundaries.
[19.27.68.6 NMAC - N/E, 9/23/2005]

19.27.68.7 DEFINITIONS: [Reserved]

19.27.68.8 BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENDED AREA OF THE LEA COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER BASIN: Beginning at the southwest corner of township 10 south, range 32 east, NMPM; thence north along range line to the northwest corner of section 30, township 10 south, range 32 east, NMPM; thence east along section lines to the northeast corner of section 29, township 10 south, range 32 east, NMPM; thence north along section lines to the northwest corner of section 33, township 9 south, range 32 east, NMPM; thence west along section line to the southwest corner of section 29, township 9 south, range 32 east, NMPM; thence north along section lines to the northwest corner of section 5, township 9 south, range 32 east, NMPM; thence east along township lines, and the Lea county line, to the northeast corner of township 9 south, range 38 east, NMPM, a point on the New Mexico-Texas state line; thence south along said state line to the southeast corner of township 11 south, range 38 east, NMPM; thence west along township lines to the southwest corner of township 11 south, range 35 east, NMPM; thence north along range line to the northwest corner of section 19, township 11 south, range 35 east, NMPM; thence west along section lines to the southwest corner of section 15, township 11 south, range 34 east, NMPM; thence north along section lines to the northwest corner of section 3, township 11 south, range 34 east, NMPM; thence west along township lines to the southwest corner of township 10 south, range 32 east, NMPM, being the point of origin.
[19.27.68.8 NMAC - N/E, 9/23/2005]

19.27.68.9 BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENDED AREA OF THE FORT SUMNER UNDERGROUND WATER BASIN: Beginning at the southwest corner of section 35, township 2 north, range 30 east, NMPM; thence north along section lines to the northwest corner of section 23, township 3 north, range 30 east, NMPM; thence east along section line to the northeast corner of section 23, township 3 north, range 30 east, NMPM; thence north along section line to the northwest corner of section 13, township 3 north, range 30 east, NMPM; thence east along section line to the northeast corner of section 13, township 3 north, range 30 east, NMPM; thence south along range lines to the southeast corner of section 36, township 2 north, range 30 east, NMPM; thence west along township line to the southwest corner of section 35, township 2 north, range 30 east, NMPM, being the point of origin.
[19.27.68.9 NMAC - N/E, 9/23/2005]

19.27.68.10 BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENDED AREA OF THE CURRY COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER BASIN: Beginning at the southeast corner of section 36, township 8 north, range 34 east, NMPM; thence west along township lines to the southeast corner of section 36, township 8 north, range 33 east, NMPM; thence south along range lines to the southeast corner of section 36, township 7 north, range 33 east, NMPM; thence west along township lines to the southeast corner of section 36, township 7 north, range 32 east, NMPM; thence south along range lines to the southeast corner of section 36, township 6 north, range 32 east, NMPM; thence west along township lines to the southwest corner of section 35, township 6 north, range 31 east, NMPM; thence north along section line to the northwest corner of section 35, township 6 north, range 31 east, NMPM; thence west along section line to the southwest corner of section 27, township 6 north, range 31 east, NMPM; thence north along section line to the northwest corner of section 27, township 6 north, range 31 east, NMPM; thence west along section line to the southwest corner of section 21, township 6 north, range 31 east, NMPM; thence north along section line to the northwest corner of section 21, township 6 north, range 31 east, NMPM; thence west along section lines to the southwest corner of section 18, township 6 north, range 31 east, NMPM; thence north along range line to the northwest corner of section 18, township 6 north, range 31 east, NMPM; thence west along section lines to the southwest corner of section 11, township 6 north, range 30 east, NMPM; thence north along section line to the northwest corner of section 2, township 6 north, range 30 east, NMPM; thence west along township line to the southwest corner of section 33, township 7 north, range 30 east, NMPM; thence north along section lines to the northwest corner of section 28, township 7 north, range 30 east, NMPM; thence west along section line to the southwest corner of section 20, township 7 north, range 30 east, NMPM; thence north along section lines to the northwest corner of section 17, township 7 north, range 30 east, NMPM; thence east along section lines to the northeast corner of section 15, township 7 north, range 30 east, NMPM; thence north along section lines to the northwest corner of section 11, township 7 north, range 30 east, NMPM; thence east along section lines to the northeast corner of section 9, township 7 north, range 31 east, NMPM; thence north along section lines to the northwest corner of section 3, township 7 north, range 31 east, NMPM; thence east along township lines to the northeast corner of section 4, township 7 north, range 32 east, NMPM; thence north along section line to the northwest corner of section 34, township 8 north, range 32 east, NMPM; thence east along section lines to the northeast corner of section 36, township 8 north, range 32 east, NMPM; thence north along range line to the northwest corner of section 19, township 8 north, range 33 east, NMPM; thence east along section lines to the northeast corner of section 21, township 8 north, range 33 east, NMPM; thence north along section lines to the northwest corner of section 3, township 8 north, range 33 east, NMPM; thence east along township line to the southwest corner of section 34, township 9 north, range 33 east, NMPM; thence north along section line to the northwest corner of section 34, township 9 north, range 33 east, NMPM; thence east along section lines to the northeast corner of section 31, township 9 north, range 35 east, NMPM; thence south along section line to the southeast corner of section 31, township 9 north, range 35 east, NMPM; thence west along township line to the northeast corner of section 1, township 8 north, range 34 east, NMPM; thence south along range line to the southeast corner of section 36, township 8 north, range 34 east, NMPM, being the point of origin.
[19.27.68.10 NMAC - N/E, 9/23/2005]

HISTORY OF 19.27.68 NMAC: [RESERVED]