

# ARTICLE 11.5. SURFACE WATER EMERGENCIES ON LAKES

## Rule 1. Administration and Enforcement

### 312 IAC 11.5-1-1 Administration

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4

Affected: IC 14-25-5-15

Sec. 1. The division shall administer and coordinate the professional and technical functions required of the department under IC 14-25-5 and this rule. (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 11.5-1-1; filed Oct 1, 2010, 3:52 p.m.: 20101027-IR-312090876FRA, eff Jan 1, 2011; readopted filed Jul 19, 2017, 3:43 p.m.: 20170816-IR-312170131RFA*)

### 312 IAC 11.5-1-2 Enforcement

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4

Affected: IC 4-21.5-3-8; IC 14-10-2-6; IC 14-25-5-15

Sec. 2. To enforce IC 14-25-5 or this article on behalf of the commission:

(1) The director may initiate an action under IC 14-25-5-15(b) to enjoin a violation.

(2) The division director may, under IC 4-21.5-3-8, file with the commission a complaint for a notice of violation under IC 14-10-2-6.

(*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 11.5-1-2; filed Oct 1, 2010, 3:52 p.m.: 20101027-IR-312090876FRA, eff Jan 1, 2011; readopted filed Jul 19, 2017, 3:43 p.m.: 20170816-IR-312170131RFA*)

## Rule 2. Definitions

### 312 IAC 11.5-2-1 Applicability

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4

Affected: IC 14-8; IC 14-25-5

Sec. 1. The definitions in IC 14-8, 312 IAC 1, and sections 2 through 9 of this rule apply throughout this article. (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 11.5-2-1; filed Oct 1, 2010, 3:52 p.m.: 20101027-IR-312090876FRA, eff Jan 1, 2011; readopted filed Jul 19, 2017, 3:43 p.m.: 20170816-IR-312170131RFA*)

### 312 IAC 11.5-2-2 "Cumulative effect" defined

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4

Affected: IC 14-25-5

Sec. 2. "Cumulative effect" means the impact of multiple significant water withdrawal facilities. (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 11.5-2-2; filed Oct 1, 2010, 3:52 p.m.: 20101027-IR-312090876FRA, eff Jan 1, 2011; readopted filed Jul 19, 2017, 3:43 p.m.: 20170816-IR-312170131RFA*)

### 312 IAC 11.5-2-3 "Division" defined

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4

Affected: IC 14-8; IC 14-25-5

Sec. 3. "Division" means the division of water of the department. (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 11.5-2-3; filed Oct 1, 2010, 3:52 p.m.: 20101027-IR-312090876FRA, eff Jan 1, 2011; readopted filed Jul 19, 2017, 3:43 p.m.: 20170816-IR-312170131RFA*)

**312 IAC 11.5-2-4 "Extraordinary or unique natural resource" defined**

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4

Affected: IC 14-25-5; IC 14-29-6; IC 14-31-1

Sec. 4. "Extraordinary or unique natural resource" means a natural resource that is exceptional to a very marked extent within Indiana and includes the following:

- (1) A plant or animal that is a rare, threatened, or endangered species.
- (2) A waterway located within one-half (1/2) mile of a freshwater lake and determined by the department to qualify as a natural river or a scenic river under IC 14-29-6 and 312 IAC 7-2.
- (3) A nature preserve dedicated under IC 14-31-1.

*(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 11.5-2-4; filed Oct 1, 2010, 3:52 p.m.: 20101027-IR-312090876FRA, eff Jan 1, 2011; readopted filed Jul 19, 2017, 3:43 p.m.: 20170816-IR-312170131RFA)*

**312 IAC 11.5-2-5 "Financial responsibility bond" defined**

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4

Affected: IC 14-25-5

Sec. 5. "Financial responsibility bond" means any of the following:

- (1) A surety bond.
- (2) A certificate of deposit.
- (3) A cashier's check.
- (4) A letter of credit.

*(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 11.5-2-5; filed Oct 1, 2010, 3:52 p.m.: 20101027-IR-312090876FRA, eff Jan 1, 2011; readopted filed Jul 19, 2017, 3:43 p.m.: 20170816-IR-312170131RFA)*

**312 IAC 11.5-2-6 "Freshwater lake" defined**

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4

Affected: IC 14-25-5

Sec. 6. (a) "Freshwater lake" means a body of standing surface water that contains at least ten (10) acres at the body of water's normal level and:

- (1) is of natural origin; or
- (2) was originally constructed to permanently retain water and was in existence at least five (5) years before the commencement of water withdrawals by a significant water withdrawal facility.

(b) The term does not include Lake Michigan. *(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 11.5-2-6; filed Oct 1, 2010, 3:52 p.m.: 20101027-IR-312090876FRA, eff Jan 1, 2011; readopted filed Jul 19, 2017, 3:43 p.m.: 20170816-IR-312170131RFA)*

**312 IAC 11.5-2-7 "Lake owner" defined**

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4

Affected: IC 14-25-5

Sec. 7. "Lake owner" means a person in possession of property that includes a physical part of, or a legal interest in, a freshwater lake. *(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 11.5-2-7; filed Oct 1, 2010, 3:52 p.m.: 20101027-IR-312090876FRA, eff Jan 1, 2011; readopted filed Jul 19, 2017, 3:43 p.m.: 20170816-IR-312170131RFA)*

**312 IAC 11.5-2-8 "Significant environmental harm" defined**

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4

Affected: IC 14-25-5

Sec. 8. "Significant environmental harm" means damage to natural or cultural resources, the individual or cumulative effect of which is found by the director to be obvious and measurable (based upon the opinion of a professional qualified to assess the damage) and that:

(1) creates a condition where recovery of affected resources is not likely to occur within an acceptable period; and

(2) cannot be adequately mitigated through the implementation of a mitigation plan approved by the director.

*(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 11.5-2-8; filed Oct 1, 2010, 3:52 p.m.: 20101027-IR-312090876FRA, eff Jan 1, 2011; readopted filed Jul 19, 2017, 3:43 p.m.: 20170816-IR-312170131RFA)*

**312 IAC 11.5-2-9 "Significant water withdrawal facility" defined**

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4

Affected: IC 14-25-5

Sec. 9. "Significant water withdrawal facility" means a water pumping installation or other equipment of a person that, in the aggregate from all sources and by all methods, has the capability of withdrawing at least one hundred thousand (100,000) gallons of water in one (1) day. *(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 11.5-2-9; filed Oct 1, 2010, 3:52 p.m.: 20101027-IR-312090876FRA, eff Jan 1, 2011; readopted filed Jul 19, 2017, 3:43 p.m.: 20170816-IR-312170131RFA)*

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