

567—50.10(455B) Conditions on withdrawals from streams. Water withdrawals from streams shall be subject to the following conditions:

50.10(1) *Protected flow restriction.* Except as provided in 50.10(2), withdrawals for consumptive uses, with the exception of CWSs, shall cease when the streamflow is below the protected flow designated in 50.15(3). When the flow of a stream, or portion thereof designated by the department, is below a flow equal to the protected flow plus the summation of all permitted consumptive withdrawals by permittees whose permits provide for maintenance of a protected flow in such stream or portion thereof, the department may, subject to the provisions of 50.10(2), order temporary cessation or rotation of all consumptive withdrawals, with the exception of CWSs, to ensure that the protected flow is preserved.

50.10(2) *Replacement water exemption.* Subrule 50.10(1) shall not apply to withdrawals for consumptive uses from a stream if the permittee discharges replacement water into such stream or tributary thereto at rates sufficient to offset the consumptive withdrawals and the department approves the method and location of discharge.

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