Chapter 173-128A WAC
ODESSA GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT SUBAREA

WAC 173-128A-010 Authority. This regulation is promulgated by the department of ecology under authority and procedures provided in chapters 34.04, 43.21A, 90.03, and 90.44 RCW.

WAC 173-128A-020 Background. (1) Since 1967, the segment of the Columbia basin groundwater system centered around the community of Odessa has experienced a steady decline in groundwater levels.

(2) Spurred by local concern and foreseeable management problems, the department of water resources (now department of ecology) closed an area of approximately 1,100 square miles to the drilling of large producing water wells and initiated a detailed investigation of groundwater conditions in the Odessa basin.

(3) As a result of this investigation, a digital groundwater model of the Odessa basin was developed and used in 1974 and 1975 to predict the effect of additional groundwater withdrawals on existing water level declines.

(4) In 1975, the department expanded its groundwater monitoring program and discontinued use of the predictive model.

(5) The expanded monitoring program, with additional data on the actual effects of pumping, included wells south of the subarea which showed groundwater declines similar in magnitude to those inside the subarea.

WAC 173-128A-030 Purpose. The purpose of this regulation is to expand the boundaries of the Odessa groundwater subarea as originally set forth in chapter 173-128 WAC.

WAC 173-128A-040 Subarea definition. "Odessa groundwater subarea" shall mean those lands lying within the Columbia Basin described as follows:

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**WAC 173-128A-050 Subarea map.** "Odessa groundwater subarea" shall include those lands that lie within the heavy outline shown on the following map:

![Map of Odessa Groundwater Subarea](image_url)

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.21A.060, 43.21A.080, 43.27A.090, 90.44.130 and 90.54.040(2); 82-14-041 (Order DE 82-23); § 173-128A-040, filed 6/30/82. Formerly WAC 173-128-050.]

**WAC 173-128A-060 Regulation review.** The department of ecology shall initiate a review of the rules established in this chapter whenever new information, changing conditions, or statutory modifications make it necessary to consider revisions.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 43.21A, 43.27A, 90.03 and 90.44 RCW; 88-13-037 (Order 88-11), § 173-128A-060, filed 6/9/88.]

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