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Annual Report Relating to Evaluation of River Basins, Subbasins, or Reaches

The Department of Natural Resources has issued its annual report pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-713 (Reissue 2004) which requires the Department, by January 1 of each year beginning in 2006, to complete an evaluation of each of the state's river basins that is not involved in the integrated management planning process, and to issue a report describing the results of the evaluation. The report includes a preliminary conclusion for each river basin evaluated as to whether the basin is currently fully appropriated without the initiation of additional uses and delineates the geographic areas within which the Department considers surface and ground water to be hydrologically connected.

Based on the information in this report, the following areas have been designated as fully appropriated:

The Platte River Basin upstream of the confluence with the Missouri River including all tributary drainages

Copies of the report can be found on the Department's website at <http://www.dnr.ne.gov> or by requesting a copy from the Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676.