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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.

The Department previously provided a draft of the annual report to each of the Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) subject to the annual report. The Department has received several comments and suggestions, and appreciates the input from the NRDs.

Based on the information in this report, no additional areas of the state are considered to be fully appropriated.

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.