POLICY GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM NO. 16

November 15, 1982

REVISED PROCEDURES FOR CALCULATING IRRIGATION ACRES

In determining the number and location of irrigation acres\(^1\) to be included in a Certificate of Irrigation Grandfathered Right, the Department will make a reasonable allowance for identifiable areas which are included within or contiguous to irrigated land, and which are related to the agricultural/irrigation activities of the farm, such as on-farm roads, ditches, sumps, pumpback systems, well sites, homesteads and other permanent farm structures, and equipment yards. Irrigation acres will not include fields not irrigated between 1975 and 1980, desert lands, topographic features such as mountains and washes, permanent roads, irrigation district canals, and areas devoted to non-irrigation related farm uses such as feedlots or dairies.

\(^{1}\) Policy Guidance Memorandum No. 13, to the extent it may be inconsistent, is hereby superseded.

\(^{2}\) See A.R.S. §45-402(15)

Policy Guidance Memoranda are being issued by the Department of Water Resources to make the public aware of the ways in which the Department intends to implement the 1980 Groundwater Management Act.