



Ohio Revised Code Section 1522.15 Transfer of permits.

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(A)(1) Transfer of a withdrawal and consumptive use permit upon the sale or transfer of a facility may occur so long as the location of the facility, the source of water, and the withdrawal and consumptive use capacities do not change. Transfer of the baseline withdrawal and consumptive use capacity of a baseline facility upon the sale or transfer of the baseline facility may occur so long as the location of the facility, the source of water, and the withdrawal and consumptive use capacities do not change. Transferred capacity of a baseline facility does not require a withdrawal and consumptive use permit.

Notice of a transfer shall be provided to the chief of the division of water resources in a manner prescribed by the chief.

(2) If the owner of a facility for which a withdrawal and consumptive use permit has been issued sells or transfers a portion of the facility, transfer of the applicable portion of the withdrawal and consumptive use capacity authorized by the withdrawal and consumptive use permit may occur so long as the location of the facility, the source of water, and the total withdrawal and consumptive use capacities do not change. The permittee shall provide notice of such a transfer to the chief in a manner prescribed by the chief. Upon receipt of the notice and if a permit is required for the transferred portion based on the threshold amounts established in divisions (A)(1) to (3) of section 1522.12 of the Revised Code, the chief shall issue a new permit for the transferred portion of the facility to the transferee and a modified permit for the remaining portion of the facility to the original permittee upon a showing that the transferee will meet the conditions of the original permit and all applicable requirements of this chapter and rules adopted under it. Any new permit shall reflect the portion of the withdrawal and consumptive use capacity that has been transferred.

(3) If the owner of a baseline facility sells or transfers a portion of the baseline facility, transfer of the applicable portion of the withdrawal and consumptive use capacity listed in the baseline report for that facility may occur so long as the location of the facility, the source of water, and the total withdrawal and consumptive use capacities do not change. The owner shall provide notice of such a



transfer to the chief in a manner prescribed by the chief. The chief shall not require the owner of the baseline facility or the transferee to obtain a withdrawal and consumptive use permit, but shall update the baseline report to reflect the transfer.

(4) The chief may deny a transfer under this section by issuing an order denying the transfer and sending written notice to the permittee and the transferee not later than thirty days after notice of the intended transfer. The chief shall deny the transfer if the chief determines that the transfer will result in noncompliance with this chapter, rules adopted under it, or the terms and conditions of a withdrawal and consumptive use permit.

(5) The chief shall remove a facility from the baseline report when the facility is subject to baseline facility abandonment. However, a baseline facility shall not be removed from the baseline report due to the transfer of the facility's baseline capacity.

(B) No person shall sell or transfer a withdrawal and consumptive use permit for purposes of evading the requirements established in sections 1522.10 to 1522.21 of the Revised Code.