

Emergency Access to State Fishing Lakes and Corps of Engineers Reservoirs

With the declaration of drought emergency for every county in the state, the opportunity to obtain emergency water for domestic and livestock supply from certain Corps of Engineer's lakes is now available. The Kansas Water Office is the first point of contact to obtain access.

Whether it is a state fishing lake, or a federal Corps reservoir, the local project offices will designate the location(s) where pumping facilities may be set up to withdraw water from the reservoir.

1. The request for emergency domestic or livestock water should be made to the Kansas Water Office. The Office will certify the need and refer the requestor to the appropriate project office to obtain the necessary permit to withdraw the water.
2. Water withdrawn for domestic and livestock use under a declared drought emergency is subject to a small water supply permit charge from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
3. The Project Office will designate the location where pumping facilities may be set up. All equipment used to acquire and transport water must be clean and free of untreated water or foreign materials to prevent unintentional spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species. Accepted methods of cleaning equipment used by the applicant will be included in the permit obtained from the Corps of Engineers.
4. Requests for irrigation water will not be considered in the emergency water withdrawal category.
5. If harmful algal blooms are present in lakes or reservoirs, then access may be denied.

Below are the State Fishing Lakes available for withdrawals for emergency status:

Atchison, Barber, Brown, Bourbon, Butler, Chase, Clark, Crawford, Goodman, Jewell, Kingman, Leavenworth, Lyon, Pottawatomie #1, Pottawatomie #2, McPherson, Miami, Mined Lands (Pits), Neosho, Osage, Ottawa, Saline, Scott, Shawnee, Sheridan, Washington, Wilson, Woodson

Below are the federal reservoirs available for withdrawals for emergency status:

Big Hill, Elk City, Council Grove, John Redmond, Marion, Fall River, Toronto; Clinton, Hillsdale, Melvern, Milford, Kanopolis, Perry, Pomona, Wilson, Tuttle Creek