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Bureau of Watershed Management  
Office of the Commonwealth Drought Coordinator

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Dear Golf Course Professional:

On February 12, 2002, Governor Mark Schweiker signed a Proclamation of Drought and Water Shortage Emergency for 24 counties in Pennsylvania in response to the long and continuing period of rainfall deficits, lack of snow accumulation, low stream flows, reduced groundwater levels and water shortages. This letter is to make you aware of regulations that took effect with the Governor's Proclamation that prohibits nonessential water uses and regulates the uses of water for irrigating golf courses in the following 24 counties:

Adams	Cumberland	Lancaster	Perry
Bedford	Dauphin	Lebanon	Philadelphia
Berks	Delaware	Lehigh	Pike
Bucks	Franklin	Montgomery	Schuylkill
Carbon	Fulton	Monroe	Wayne
Chester	Huntingdon	Northampton	York

Section 4(4) of 4 Pa.Code Chapter 119 prohibits the use of any water for watering any portion of golf courses within a drought emergency area; except, water may be applied to greens, tees and fairways in accordance with a plan submitted by the golf course operator and **approved** by the Commonwealth Drought Coordinator. The approval of the plan by the Drought Coordinator will be based on a 30% reduction of monthly-basis quantities of irrigated water. The basis quantities will be established through metered water use records for the past five years. If metered data is not available for any month(s) in the previous five years, a basis quantity of 41,000 gallons per week per acre of greens, tees and fairways currently irrigated will be used for that (those) month(s). Your application form must include acreages and percentages of irrigation water that apply to "other" areas, such as roughs. Water that is applied to roughs or other areas from green, tee or fairway irrigation heads must also be included in the "other" category. Approaches to greens may be included with fairways. Failure to include this "other" watering will result in delays in processing your application. Keep in mind that **no** golf course watering may take place until the Commonwealth Drought Coordinator approves a plan. Recognizing the serious condition of our water resources, noncompliance will not be tolerated.

Under an approved plan, golf course operators are at liberty to use the computed weekly allocation for the irrigation of greens, tees and fairways in such manner as they see fit to meet the irrigation needs of these areas. All irrigation water must be applied within the application time limits between 5 p.m. and 10 a.m.; except, water may be used for syringing by means of a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., as specified by the regulations. These regulations were developed with input from the golf industry through the cooperation of a number

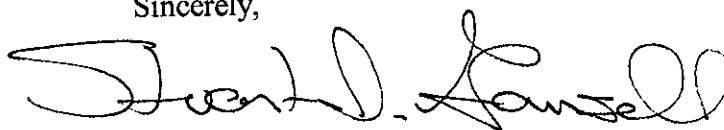


of golf and turf associations. They are fair and reasonable in conserving precious water resources during this critical drought period, while providing for the continued irrigation needs of your business.

Complete copies of the regulations along with instructions and application forms may be found on the DEP website at [http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/subject/hotopics/drought/drought\\_regs.htm](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/subject/hotopics/drought/drought_regs.htm).

We stand ready to answer any questions you may have regarding these regulations or the application for plan approval. You may contact us at 717-772-4048.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart I. Gansell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a distinct "Gansell" at the end.

Stuart I. Gansell  
Director  
Bureau of Watershed Management  
Commonwealth Drought Coordinator