

SENATE FILE NO. SF0136

Water-source of supply.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Meier and Hicks and
Representative(s) Brown and Semlek

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to water rights; requiring the state
2 engineer to consider certain evidence in determining the
3 source of supply for interconnected waters; and providing
4 for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 41-3-916 is amended to read:

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10 **41-3-916. Priority of rights when 1 source of supply.**

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12 Where underground waters in different aquifers are so
13 interconnected as to constitute in fact one source of
14 supply, or where underground waters and the waters of
15 surface streams are so interconnected as to constitute in
16 fact one source of supply, priorities of rights to the use

1 of all such interconnected waters shall be correlated and
2 such single schedule of priorities shall relate to the
3 whole common water supply. The state engineer may by order
4 adopt any of the corrective controls specified in W.S.
5 41-3-915. In determining whether there is in fact one
6 source of supply under this section or interference between
7 ground water and surface rights, the state engineer shall
8 only consider credible, accurate site specific data.

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10 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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