

## Points of Diversion Water Permits Status Definitions

All water permits and water permit applications have associated point(s) of diversion. A Point of Diversion is the geographic area from which water is diverted using infrastructure (works) and put to beneficial use. Examples of works include groundwater wells, water storage dams, diversion dams, dugouts, and pump sites along a surface water source. A water permit may have any number of points of diversion; each point of diversion may have more than one associated works. A point of diversion has an associated status that may, or may not, be the same as the water permit it is associated with.

Explanations of these statuses are as follows:

- 1. Active** – An approved point of diversion from which water is actively being put to beneficial use. Active points of diversion are associated with permits that are perfected, conditionally approved, or held in abeyance.
- 2. InActive** – An approved point of diversion from which water is not actively being put to beneficial use at the present time, though it is approved for use. InActive points of diversion are also associated with permits that are perfected, conditionally approved, or held in abeyance. InActive points of diversion also give permit holders some flexibility in the location from which they withdraw water. This status is used for the Office of the State Engineer’s internal water use reporting system.
- 3. Cancelled** – At one time, the point of diversion was approved for putting water to beneficial use. However, this point of diversion was never developed or is no longer developed, and the point of diversion was cancelled after the permit was inspected. Cancelled points of diversion can also be associated with permits that are cancelled.
- 4. Held In Abeyance** – The point of diversion was applied for, but is not yet approved or denied. These points of diversion are only associated with permits that are held in abeyance, because if any portion of a permit is held in abeyance the permit itself is in that status.
- 5. Deferred** – The point of diversion was applied for in a permit that has not yet been approved or acted on by the State Engineer. Water permit applications that have not been approved or acted on by the State Engineer are in deferred, pending review, or under review status.
- 6. Denied** – The point of diversion was denied in accordance with North Dakota Century Code section 61-04-06. Denied points of diversion can be associated with denied permits or approved permits that are perfected, conditionally approved, or held in abeyance. All of the points of diversion on a denied permit are denied.
- 7. Void** – The point of diversion is associated with a water permit application that was not completed and is now void, or the point of diversion or is no longer associated with the water permit. An example is when a permit is split, and one point of diversion goes to the split permit, while the other remains on the original permit. The point of diversion for the split permit is now void for the original permit. A void point of diversion may have historical water use data associated with it.