

Ministerial Decree

No. (193/2001)

Al Batinah Region Water Supply Wellfield Protection Zones

- Pursuant to the Law for Conservation of the Environment and Prevention of Pollution issued by Royal Decree No. (10/82)
- And the Law for Protection of Water Resources issued by Royal Decree No. (29/2000)
- And the Royal Decree No. (47/2001) for Ministerial Amendments
- And to the General Public best of interest,

DECIDED

Article 1: Determining Water Supply Wellfield Protection Zones in Al Batinah Region in the Wilayat of Sohar, Shinas, Liwa, Al-Rustaq, Al Masnah and Barka as per the attached maps in Appendix 1, to develop the water resources as well as protecting water resources and public water supply wellfields against pollution, exhaustion and intrusion of saline water.

Each Region is to be divided into three areas each determined according to the co-ordinates given in Appendix 2.

Article 2: Determines the extent of permission to practice activities and works in the protected Regions mentioned in Article 1 and in accordance with Appendix 3. These activities and works should be carried out in accordance with the Regulations and as given in Appendix 4.

Article 3: The Ministry of Regional Municipalities, Environment and Water Resources is to manage Ad Dhahirah Region water supply wellfields in co-ordination with all concerned parties in order to achieve the requirements given in Article 1.

Article 4: The Minister of Regional Municipalities, Environment and Water Resources shall issue Decisions to form a Working Committee to carry out the necessary work to achieve the aims of determination in the protected areas mentioned in Article 1.

This committee is to co-ordinate with all government parties and take all necessary action to remove any obstacles which may affect the safety of the groundwater and to fulfill the conditions of protecting water resources in the determined Regions. The committee may form sub-committees to carry out specific works. The committee is to raise a report to the Minister every four months.

Article 5: This Decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall be effective from the date of publication.

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APPENDIX (1)

Maps for the Water Supply Wellfields Protection Zones in Al Batinah Region

APPENDIX (2)

Coordinates for the Water Supply Wellfields Protection Zones in Al Batinah Region

Wilayat of Barka Water Supply Wellfield Protection Zones

Wilayat	Water Collection Area	Red Zone		Orange Zone		Yellow Zone	Blue Zone
Barka	Wad-il-Ma`awil (Al-Hafri)	Flood plain of the lower water collection area of Wad-il-Ma`awil covering an area of 9.2 Km ² . Its coordinates are:		The area surrounding the red covering an area of 338 Km ² . Its coordinates are:		The rest of the water collection area.	From the end of the orange zone at the main street, Muscat - Sohar to the sea.
		North	East	North	East		
		2617800	0580200	2616780	0595041		
		2617800	0584000	2606918	0594559		
		2615200	0580200	2601997	0597259		
2617800	0584000	2602042	0592379				
				2608786	0574742		
				2613713	0574946		
				2622054	0577351		

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Wilayat of Al Masnah Water Supply Wellfield Protection Zones

Wilayat	Water Collection Area	Red Zone		Orange Zone		Yellow Zone	Blue Zone
Al Masnah	Wadi Al-Fara'a	Flood plain of the lower water collection area of Wadi Al-Fara'a covering an area of 4 Km ² . Its coordinates are:		The area surrounding the red covering an area of 280 Km ² . Its coordinates are:		The rest of the water collection area.	From the end of the orange zone at the main street, Muscat - Sohar to the sea.
		North	East	North	East		

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Wilayat of Al-Rustaq Water Supply Wellfield Protection Zones

Wilayat	Water Collection Area	Red Zone		Orange Zone		Yellow Zone
Al-Rustaq	Wadi Sahtan	In the steam of Wadi Sakina (a branch of Wadi Sahtan) covering an area of 2.5 Km ² . Its coordinates are:		The area surrounding the red covering an area of 27.8 Km ² . Its coordinates are:		The rest of the water collection area.
		North	East	North	East	

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Wilayat of Shinas Water Supply Wellfield Protection Zones

Wilayat	Water Collection Area	Red Zone		Orange Zone		Yellow Zone	Blue Zone
Shinas	Wadi Al-Ghalia	Flood plain of Wadi Hatta 3 Km ² northeast Wilayat of Shinas covering an area of 3.2 Km ² . Its coordinates are:		The area surrounding the red covering an area of 3.7 Km ² . Its coordinates are:		The rest of the water collection area.	From the end of the orange zone at the main street, Sohar - Emirates to the sea.
		North	East	North	East		

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Wilayat of Sohar Water Supply Wellfield Protection Zones

Wilayat	Water Collection Area	Red Zone		Orange Zone		Yellow Zone	Blue Zone
Sohar	Wadi Al Jizzi	In the steam of Wadi Al Jizzi 6 Km ² west of Wilayat of Sohar covering an area of 57.5 Km ² . Its coordinates are:		The area surrounding the red covering an area of 79.6 Km ² . Its coordinates are:		The rest of the water collection area.	From the orange zone to the sea.
		North	East	North	East		

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Wilayat of Liwa Water Supply Wellfield Protection Zones

Wilayat	Water Collection Area	Red Zone		Orange Zone		Yellow Zone	Blue Zone
Liwa	Wadi Naber	Flood plain of Wadi Fazah 5 Km ² south of Wilayat of Liwa covering an area of 1.2 Km ² . Its coordinates are:		The flood plain of Wadi Fazah surrounding the red covering an area of 17 Km ² . Its coordinates are:		The rest of the water collection area.	From the orange zone to the sea.
		North	East	North	East		

APPENDIX (3)

Regulations of the various activities that could be practiced within the water supply wellfield protection zones in Al Batinah Region

Activities and Practices	AREA			
	Red	Orange	Yellow	Blue
Agriculture:				
– Rising of Farm animals and related activities	A	C	C	C
– Traditional and Seasonal Farming	B	C	C	C
– The use of synthetic fertilizers, insecticides, and weedcides.	A	B	C	C
– Use of biodegradable insecticides.	B	C	C	C
– Construction of grave yards	A	B	C	C
– Usage of evaporative ponds for the treatment of waste generated from desalination plants.	C	C	C	C
– Usage of injection wells to inject waste generated from desalination plants.	A	B	C	C
– Constructing governmental dams.	C	B	B	C
– Constructing private dams.	B	B	B	C
– Constructing residential areas.	B	C	C	C
– Construction of above ground fuel storage tanks.	A	C	C	C
– Construction of underground fuel storage tanks.	A	C	C	C
– Establishment of industrial facilities, and the excursion of any industrial related activities.	A	B	C	C
– Establishment of quarries.	A	C	C	C
– Establishment of Mines.	A	B	C	C
Oil exploration and production:				
– Drilling and laying out oil transmission pipelines.	A	B	C	C
– Disposal of waste water produced during drilling activities.	A	A	A	B
– Construction of roads with barriers and corridors.	B	C	C	C
– Construction of roads without barriers				

and corridors.	A	B	C	C
Construction of sewage systems:	A			
– Construction of septic tanks		A	B	B
– Construction of collection tanks	A	C	C	C
Small trading businesses	B	C	C	C
– Construction of solid waste disposal facilities	A	B	C	C
– Construction of liquid waste disposal facilities	A	A	C	C
– Construction of hazardous waste disposal facilities	A	A	A	A
– Erecting temporary construction camps	A	C	C	C
– Drilling of public wells	C	C	C	C
– Drilling of private wells	B	B	D	D
Development Activities:				
– Execution of projects not related to Water Authority	A	C	C	C
– Changing and developing exiting activities	B	C	C	C

Note:

A: Not Allowed

B: Allowed only if the proper authorization from concerned governmental authority was obtained, and that is only if there are no other choices.

C: Allowed

D: Allowed only if the maximum volume of liquid to be pumped is specified in the permit obtained prior proceeding with the activity.

APPENDIX (4)

Regulating and controlling all possible activities and practices within the water supply wellfield protection zones in Al Batinah Region

Activities and practices	Regulations and controls must be followed
<p>Agriculture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raising of Farm animals and related activities - Traditional and Seasonal Farming - The use of synthetic fertilizers, insecticides, and weedcides. - Use of biodegradable insecticides. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Storing all kinds of fertilizers and pesticides above concrete bases or closed rooms dedicated for this purpose. - Using the specified amounts of fertilizers and pesticides. - Using modern techniques for irrigation. - Moving pumps that work by fuel away from the water source. - Getting rid of all animals slaughtered or dead parts in sites authorized for this purpose. - Processing waste from dairy manufacturing and slaughterhouses in plants designated for this purpose. - Drilling lined pits for the collection and disposal of waste unless there are specially designated stations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction of grave yards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fencing the grave yards and directing all surface water streams beyond their borders. Not allowing rainwater to be collected.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Usage of evaporation ponds for the treatment of waste generated from desalination plants. - Usage of injection wells to inject waste generated from desalination plants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Providing concrete steaming pools lined with plastic sealing products to get rid of desalination on the surface. - Injecting products of desalination in the ground in an isolated geological layer to be deeper than the layers containing fresh water according to the necessary technical specifications.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Constructing governmental dams. - Constructing private dams. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Storage dams higher the fields of water supply wells must not be constructed.

Constructing residential areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prohibiting the establishment of absorption drilling as a way to get rid of sewage. - Constructing a sewage network.
- Construction of fuel storage tanks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tanks to be of two layers of steel or one layer of glass-reinforced with fiber-optic that tanks are placed in rooms lined with concrete cement provide a high volume of at least a third of the size of the tank. - Tanks state must be observed and taps must be locked. - Monitoring levels and stock quantities of fuel carefully by electronic devices have the ability to register in Loggers. - Pressure to be tested annually. - Constructing inspection rooms allow observing tanks emerging pipes.
Establishment of industrial facilities, and the execution of any industrial related activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conducting an environmental survey to determine the industrial waste and ways to process them before disposal. - Choosing the best way to get rid of waste according to their nature.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of quarries. - Establishment of Mines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strict adherence to the specified depth of dredging. - Not to change the valleys main streams. - Not to throw acoustic material in the valleys.

Activities and practices	Regulations and controls must be followed
<p>Oil exploration and production:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drilling and laying out oil transmission pipelines. - Disposal of waste water produced during drilling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not to expose fresh water aquifers to drilling fluids of high salinity. - Layers of fresh water shall not be left uncovered when drilling saltwater aquifers - Provide the pipes with electronic devices connecting to

activities.	<p>the central alarm device to determine leakage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All pipelines have to be equipped with leakage monitoring equipments with a central alarm system - Injecting water accompanied with oil in its original aquifer - Conducting EIA's for the disposal of waste water produced as a result of oil drilling
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction of roads with barriers and corridors. - Construction of roads without barriers and corridors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Constructing water channels on both sides of the road in addition to insulated water collection pits every 1 km - Minimizing the number of road exists as much as possible
<p>Construction of sewage systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction of septic tanks - Construction of collection tanks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designing the water waste treatment stations with the proper technical standards depending on the use of the treated water is used for - Discharging of water into the aquifer is not allowed, unless the quality of that water is of potable water - Separation of oil and all chemical compounds from water and have it treated separately, before discharging of water into the sewer system - Providing well lined septic tanks, in the absence of the proper sewage system
Small trading businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using soak away pits for the disposal of waste water is not allowed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction of solid waste disposal facilities - Construction of liquid waste disposal facilities - Construction of hazardous waste disposal facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Choosing the facility location after conducting the proper hydrological surveys only - Lining the landfills properly - Comparing of waste and covering it daily - Designing the facility to fit the nature of the waste
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Erecting temporary construction camps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prohibiting the construction of Soak Away Pits, and demanding the establishment of collection pits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drilling of public wells - Drilling of private wells 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should comply with the conditions and standards listed in the Falaj and Well regulatory Law issued by Ministerial Decree No. (264/2000)
Development Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Storing of all Hazardous chemicals, oil and paint

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Execution of projects not related to Water Authority- Changing and developing exiting activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">containers on a concrete base- water is to be recycled- All cleaning and construction activities are to be done in the designated concrete lined areas.- collecting all solid waste in the proper containers prior to transferring into the designated disposal facilities- complying with all activities related to the protection of water resources according to the nature of these activities.
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