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Subdivision 1. **General 150-day limit.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision 2, the commissioner must act on a water-use permit within 150 days after the completed application for the permit has been submitted. Within 30 business days of application for a water-use permit, the commissioner shall notify the applicant, in writing, whether the application is complete or incomplete.

- (b) The commissioner must direct a hearing to be held on a water-use permit application or make an order issuing a permit or denying a permit.
- Subd. 2. **Exception.** The requirements of subdivision 1 do not apply to applications for a water-use permit for:
- (1) appropriations for diversion from the basin of origin of more than 2,000,000 gallons per day average in a 30-day period; or
- (2) appropriations with a consumptive use of more than 2,000,000 gallons per day average for a 30-day period.

History: 1990 c 391 art 7 s 35; 1993 c 186 s 16; 2010 c 361 art 4 s 57; 2014 c 289 s 57