

Capacity Use protects and preserves groundwater for all users.

Waccamaw

June 22, 1979

SCDHEC established

Waccamaw

Capacity Use Area

Georgetown & Horry
Counties

1979

Lowcountry

July 24, 1981

SCDHEC established

Lowcountry

Capacity Use Area

Beaufort, Colleton &
Jasper Counties
(Hampton added in
2008)

1981

Trident

August 8, 2002

SCDHEC established

Trident

Capacity Use Area

Berkeley, Charleston,
& Dorchester
Counties

2002

Pee Dee

February 12, 2004

SCDHEC established

Pee Dee

Capacity Use Area

Darlington, Dillon,
Florence, Marion,
Marlboro, &
Williamsburg Counties

2004

Western

November 8, 2018

SCDHEC will hold a
public hearing & vote
on establishing the

Western

Capacity Use Area

Aiken, Allendale,
Bamberg, Barnwell,
Calhoun, Lexington, &
Orangeburg Counties

2018



Existing and proposed groundwater capacity use areas.

FACTS:

- Capacity Use affects only those users who withdraw more than 3 million gallons per month. These users will be permitted by SCDHEC.
- Groundwater levels have been declining in this region for more than 20 years.
- This is not a local problem, but is widespread and includes at least the entire seven counties proposed for Western Capacity Use Area.
- SCDHEC has a successful history of managing groundwater through the Capacity Use program ... with no added economic or administrative burden.
- Capacity Use is necessary **NOW** to make sure we have groundwater tomorrow!
- **Please attend the SCDHEC Public Hearing on Thursday November 8 (10AM, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC).**
- Support designation of a Western Capacity Use Area.

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