

Legal Considerations for Water Re-Use: Whose Water Is It, Where Does It Come From, and Where Does It Go?

Abstract: Discussion of where concepts of water re-use intersect those of the law of water rights and the prior appropriation doctrine. Also, what do irrigators consider when deciding whether re-use and discharge proposals make sense to them.

Drinking Water and Wastewater Professional CEUs are available from Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licensing for this session.

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