

M.O., 2015**Order of the Minister of Sustainable Development, the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change dated 13 July 2015**

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

AMENDING the Ministerial Order concerning the fees payable under the Environment Quality Act

THE MINISTER OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE,

CONSIDERING subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 31.0.1 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2), which provides that the Minister may, by order, determine the fees payable by an applicant for the issue, renewal or modification of an authorization under the Act;

CONSIDERING the Ministerial Order concerning the fees payable under the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2, r. 28), in force since 1 June 2008, which determines such fees;

CONSIDERING that section 8 of that Order determines the fees payable by an applicant for the issue, renewal or modification of an authorization for groundwater withdrawal under the Groundwater Catchment Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 6) despite the revocation of the Regulation by section 107 of the Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation (chapter Q-2., r. 35.2), which came into force on 14 August 2014;

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of section 31.75 of the Act, in force since 14 August 2014, which provides that withdrawals are subject to the authorization of the Minister or, in certain cases, of the Government;

CONSIDERING that no fees are currently payable by an applicant for the issue, renewal or modification of an authorization for water withdrawal under section 31.75 of the Environment Quality Act;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient that the Minister determine such fees in lieu of the fees payable for the issue, renewal or modification of an authorization for water withdrawal submitted under the Groundwater Catchment Regulation, which no longer apply;

CONSIDERING the publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 14 January 2015, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), of a draft of the Order to amend the Ministerial Order

concerning the fees payable under the Environment Quality Act with a notice that it could be made by the Minister of Sustainable Development, the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change on the expiry of 45 days following its publication;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to make the Order without amendment;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Order to amend the Ministerial Order concerning the fees payable under the Environment Quality Act is hereby made.

Québec, 13 July 2015

DAVID HEURTEL,
*Minister of Sustainable Development,
the Environment and the
Fight Against Climate Change*

Order to amend the Ministerial Order concerning the fees payable under the Environment Quality Act

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, s. 31.0.1)

1. The Ministerial Order concerning the fees payable under the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2, r. 28) is amended by replacing section 8 by the following:

“**8.** The fees for an application for authorization, in accordance with section 31.75 of the Act, or modification of authorization are as follows:

(1) for a water withdrawal with a maximum flow rate of less than 75,000 litres per day: \$1,458;

(2) for a water withdrawal with a maximum flow rate equal to or greater than 75,000 litres but less than 379,000 litres per day: \$2,021;

(3) for a water withdrawal with a maximum flow rate equal to or greater than 379,000 litres per day: \$3,247.

The fees set out in the first paragraph do not apply to an application for a modification to the information or documents already provided in support of an application.

8.1. The fees for an application for renewal, without modifications, of an authorization referred to in section 8 are as follows:

(1) for a water withdrawal with a maximum flow rate of less than 75,000 litres per day: \$563;

(2) for a water withdrawal with a maximum flow rate equal to or greater than 75,000 litres but less than 379,000 litres per day: \$844;

(3) for a water withdrawal with a maximum flow rate equal to or greater than 379,000 litres per day: \$1,458.

However, where the application for renewal contains modifications to the conditions of operation of a water withdrawal, the fees set out in the first paragraph of section 8 are payable.

8.2. The fees set out in sections 8 and 8.1 do not apply where the application concerns a water withdrawal made under an agricultural activity, including fish-farming.”.

2. This Order comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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