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Brief Description: Issuing permits on applications for diversions of water for municipal purposes.

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Provides that, if the application proposes to divert water for municipal purposes and satisfies the following conditions, the department shall presumptively find that water is available for appropriation and that the application will not impair existing rights or be detrimental to the public welfare and shall issue a permit: (1) The application demonstrates that the diversion is made within one mile upstream from the point at which fresh water begins to mix with salt water, or the diversion is from a water body impounded behind an outlet control facility which is within one mile upstream of the point at which fresh water begins to mix with salt water; (2) the application demonstrates that the diversion is downstream of the point of diversion of any existing water rights; and (3) the application demonstrates that the diversion will at no time decrease flows below minimum instream flows established by rule.