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The guidelines for NEB guidance seem convoluted and are inconsistent with both previous statutes and legislative intent. First, it lumps outdoor use for gardens and stock with indoor, domestic use. Second, as others have said, there's no clear guidance as to whether improvements meet the NEB standard. Third, it focuses on a miniscule amount of water being used in rural area. Fourth, although metering is hanging in the wings, I don't see a plan to evaluate and compare already metered city water use. This comprises a far larger piece of the water pie than new rural wells. Let's keep the main thing, the main thing--conserving and utilizing water wisely.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.