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## NOTICE OF DATUM CHANGE

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The Division of Water Resources has determined that it is necessary to institute a change with regard to the datum that is utilized for GPS locations. In the past the Division requested that location information be based on **NAD27** datum. The Division is now asking that location information obtained on and after October 1, 2004 be in reference to **NAD83** datum. The change is necessary so that the Division is collecting and storing location information that is compatible with similar information utilized by other government agencies. Please continue to record location information in UTM coordinates (in meters) for Zone 13.

Note: Most GPS units default to NAD83.