

Drought Severity Increases, Conservation Warnings Follow

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Co.)** — The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) this week updated its monitoring of drought conditions in the Basin, also increasing the level of concern and calls for water conservation over a broader areas.

Last week, during a meeting of the SRBC in Aberdeen, Md., the federal-state compact agency issued a drought advisory for the entire Susquehanna River Basin.

This week, Paul Swartz, SRBC executive director, issued additional drought declarations for most of the New York portion of the basin and endorsed the drought declarations already issued by the states of Maryland and Pennsylvania.

As many already know, most headwater and tributary streams feeding the Susquehanna River are running extremely low, and in many cases upper stretches of tributary streams have actually dropped below surface levels, or have been reduced to a series of unconnected shallow pools.

If rainfall is not adequate for recharging aquifers prior to the expected annual ground freezing, many communities could be facing more serious water shortages in late winter, until a ground thaw and rainfall or melting snow can recharge the aquifers.

Last week the SRBC called for a drought advisory for the entire Susquehanna River Basin to alert the public of developing drought conditions.

The commission urged the general public as well as water suppliers to voluntarily conserve water, particularly indoor uses.

The commissioners also authorized SRBC Executive Director Paul Swartz to make subsequent drought declarations, if drought conditions persist.

In a news release this week, Swartz issued updated declarations, and said that stream flows in many parts of the basin are approaching record low flows for December.

"We are seeing serious problems, especially in the West Branch region, which covers Pennsylvania counties such as Clearfield, Clinton, Centre, and Lycoming," Swartz said in the news release.

"Fishing Creek at Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa., has already reached its record low flow for December.

"It's important to note that low flows would be even lower downstream of the Raystown (Pa.) and Whitney Point (N.Y.) Army Corps of Engineers reservoirs had it not been for the Corps making its seasonal draw-down releases at those reservoirs."

As a result of current conditions, Swartz said that four counties in the Maryland portion of the basin are under a drought warning.

In Pennsylvania, 10 counties are under a drought emergency, and 33 are under a drought warning.

The SRBC's declaration for the New York portion of the basin involves a drought warning for Delaware County, and drought watches for eight counties — Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Otsego, Steuben and Tioga.

Under a drought warning, the public is urged to voluntarily reduce water usage by 10 to 15 percent. A drought watch calls for a voluntary 5 percent reduction in use.

Indoor water conservation measures include:

- Replacing leaking and dripping faucets immediately.
- Taking shorter showers (showers use less water than baths).
- Using washing machines and dishwashers only when loads are full.
- Not running water while shaving, brushing teeth, or washing dishes by hand.
- Installing new shower heads and sink faucets equipped with water saving devices, such as aerators or spray taps.
- Replacing older toilets that use more water with newer, low-consumption toilets.
- Refrigerating tap water to avoid running the faucet for a long time to get cold water.

For additional information on the basin's hydrologic conditions, look under Hydrologic Conditions on SRBC's web site, www.srbc.net.

The site also includes convenient links to other agencies and organizations involved in water management.

The Susquehanna basin covers a 27,510-square-mile drainage area in New York (25 Percent of the basin), Pennsylvania (74 percent) and Maryland (1 percent).

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission is the governing agency established under a 100-year compact signed on Dec. 24, 1970 by the federal govern-

ment and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to protect and wisely manage the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin.

The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles to Havre de Grace, Md., where the river meets the Chesapeake Bay.

COUNTIES IN THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN NEW YORK

Whole County in the Basin —
Tioga.

Part of the County in the Basin — Allegany, Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Livingston, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Otsego, Schoharie, Schuylcr, Steuben, Tompkins, Yates.

PENNSYLVANIA
Whole County in the Basin — Blair, Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Dauphin, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour,

Northumberland, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Wyoming, York.

Part of the County in the Basin — Adams, Bedford, Berks, Cambria, Carbon, Chester, Clearfield, Cumberland, Elk, Franklin, Fulton, Indiana, Jefferon, Lackawanna, Lebanon, Luzerne, McKean, Perry, Potter, Schuylcr, Somerset, Susquehanna, Wayne.

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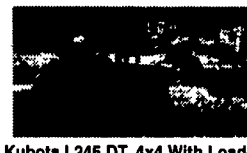
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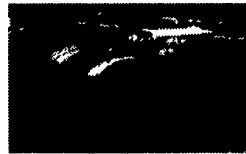
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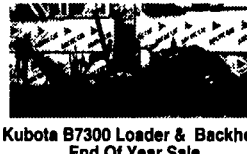
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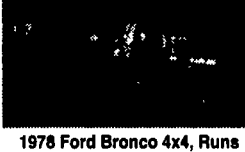
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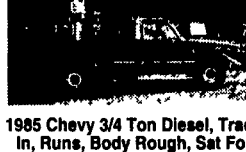
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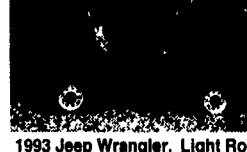
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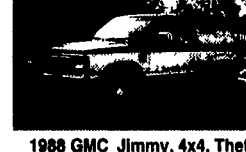
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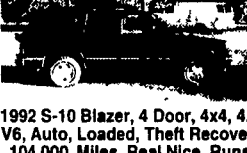
1985 Chevy 3/4 Ton Diesel, Trade
In, Runs, Body Rough, Sat For
Two Years Before It Was Traded



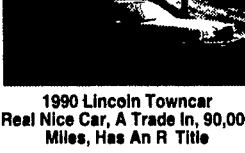
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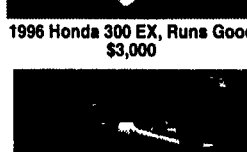
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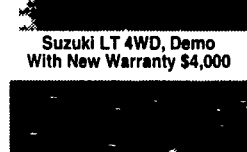
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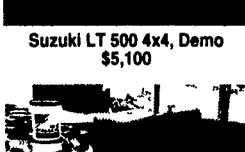
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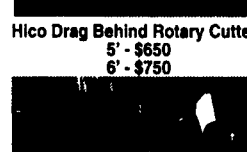
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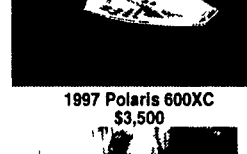
1996 Polaris, Indy 800 Storm
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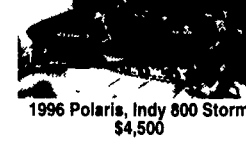
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