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## USGS reprints Black Hills water resources atlas

One of the final products for the Black Hills Hydrology Study, “Atlas of Water Resources in the Black Hills Area, South Dakota,” was recently reprinted by the U.S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the West Dakota Water Development District. Originally published in 2002, the atlas summarizes the results of the 12-year Black Hills Hydrology Study that assessed the quantity, quality, and distribution of surface water and ground water in the Black Hills area.

The atlas is an oversized (11 by 14 inches) book with 120 full-color glossy pages, and was written for the general public. The book contains numerous maps, photographs, and schematics that describe the water resources. The initial printing of 2,000 copies was out-of-stock within a year. Continued demand for the atlas led to the recent reprint of 1,500 copies.

“The geology and hydrology of the Black Hills area are extremely complex,” according to USGS hydrologist Janet Carter and lead author of the atlas. “We wanted to develop a report that would describe the results of the Black Hills Hydrology Study in a non-technical way to the general public. The atlas was born from this concept.”

Copies of the atlas can be purchased through the West Dakota Water Development District for \$20 each or for \$15 each for 25 or more copies. Additional purchase information for the atlas is available at <http://sd.water.usgs.gov/pubs/PurchaseInformationforHA747.pdf> or by calling 394-2685.

Details regarding the Black Hills Hydrology study are available at <http://sd.water.usgs.gov/projects/bhhs/Intro.html>.

Additional information about the USGS water-resources studies in South Dakota can be obtained by visiting the USGS South Dakota Water Science Center home page at <http://sd.water.usgs.gov/>.

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