

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED ARIZONA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (AZPDES) RENEWAL PERMIT

Pursuant to the Clean Water Act and in accordance with Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R18-9-A907, the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) proposes to issue an Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) Permit to discharge pollutants to Waters of the United States to the following applicant, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions:

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AZPDES Permit No. AZS000018-2015 Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) 1611 West Jackson Street, Mail Drop EM02 Phoenix, AZ 85007

ADEQ proposes to issue a renewal AZPDES stormwater permit to ADOT for the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States that replaces its statewide MS4 Stormwater Permit issued September 19, 2008. The permit requires ADOT to prohibit and eliminate whenever feasible, non-stormwater discharges to its storm sewer system, except for those conditionally authorized in Part 1.3 of the permit. When elimination is not feasible, ADOT must control these discharges through the implementation of control measures that will significantly reduce the discharge of pollutants. The permit prohibits illicit discharges and, upon detection, ADOT must investigate and eliminate these discharges to the extent of its legal authority. A primary goal of this permit is to minimize the pollutants in stormwater discharges to and from ADOT's storm sewer system to the maximum extent practicable (MEP). ADOT must maintain a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) that describes how pollutants are controlled in stormwater runoff from the storm sewer system, and the means by which ADOT complies with the MEP standard.

The permit and fact sheet may be viewed online at <u>http://www.azdeq.gov/cgi-bin/vertical.pl</u> by typing the permit number in the box left of "Search Event". The public notice and related documentation also are available for public review, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the <u>ADEQ Records Center</u>, 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. In Phoenix, please call (602) 771-4380 or e-mail <u>recordscenter@azdeq.gov</u> 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment to review the file.

Persons may submit comments or request a public hearing on the proposed action in writing, to Chris Henninger, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, Stormwater and General Permits Unit, 1110 W. Washington St., 5415A-1, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. All written comments received by ADEQ by the close of business Thursday, March 12, 2015 will be considered in the final permit decision. A public hearing request must be in writing and must include the reasons for such request. If there is a significant degree of public interest, the Director will hold a hearing in accordance with A.A.C. R18-9-908(B).