

**REISSUANCE OF AZPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR
SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (SMALL MS4s)**

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- 1. Name of the agency:** Department of Environmental Quality
- 2. Type of notice filed:** Reissuance of AZPDES Small MS4 General Permit
- 3. Notice of final permit determination:**

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has reissued an Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) general permit (No. AZG2016-002), effective September 30, 2016, for stormwater discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Small MS4s) to Waters of the United States by eligible MS4 operators.

This general permit is reissued pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), Title 18, Article 9, Parts A and C.

Prior to reissuing this AZPDES permit, existing Small MS4 operators were discharging under ADEQ's 2002 Small MS4 General Permit. The former permit expired in 2007 and was administratively continued pursuant to A.A.C. R18-9-C903(B). The administrative continuance and permittees' coverage under that permit ended on September 30, 2016.

Eligible Small MS4 operators are now covered under the 2016 Small MS4 General Permit. To maintain permit coverage, every permittee must submit a complete and accurate Notice of Intent (NOI) to ADEQ by March 29, 2017. ADEQ will provide more information about the NOI requirement to Small MS4 operators in a notification letter.

As part of the process for re-issuing the Small MS4 general permit, ADEQ implemented a stakeholder process that included a series of meetings to discuss modification to the proposed permit; opportunity for informal comment; two public notices in the Arizona Administrative Register (July 17 and December 15, 2015); subsequent formal comment periods; and a public hearing (January 20, 2016).

4. The final general permit and associated documents:

Stakeholder comments received during the public notice periods, ADEQ's responses, and the resulting changes in the final permit are itemized in a "Response to Comments" document issued with the permit. The final general permit, fact sheet, and response to comments are available on the ADEQ web site at:

http://www.azdeq.gov/ms4_GP

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