



# Meeting Agenda

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## Water Quality Division Clean Water Act/Section 404 Technical Working Group: Meeting No. 7

### Significant Degradation, Alternative Analysis and Avoidance/Minimization

November 20, 2018 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Room 6100A  
1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, 85007

**Attendees: Please sign in on 1st Floor**

**Call-in number:** 1-240-454-0879

**Access Code:** 804-710-938 #

**Webinar access:** <https://azgov.webex.com/join/welborn.heidi>

1. Welcome ..... Chair Jeremy Casteel, HilgartWilson
  - Review Agenda
  
2. White Paper Status ..... Chair Jeremy Casteel, HilgartWilson
  - Status of White Paper
    - Significant Degradation
      - Current state populated. Remaining sections under development/not complete.
    - Alternatives Analysis
      - Current State populated/bulleted. Remaining sections under development/not complete.
      - Section need to include a discussion recognizing that Guidelines do not contemplate that the same intensity of analysis will be required for all types of projects (40 CFR Section 230.6 “Adaptability”). See 1993 EPA memo. This may allow for a more streamlined process for less complicated projects.
      - A recommendation for State assumed program’s “scope of analysis” is needed.
    - Avoidance and Minimization
      - Sections populated and being revised.
    - Dissenting Opinion (?)
  - Structure Reminder- Population of White Paper with:
    - I. Introduction
    - II. Current State
    - III. Minimal Requirements for Equivalent Protection and Hard Spots (*Future State*)
    - IV. Program Comparison and Identification of Data Gaps
    - V. State Program and Implementation Options
  - Are exhibits, tables, diagrams needed?

3. Open Discussion..... All
  - Please refer to current Section 404 program as “Corps 404 program”
  - Please refer to future state as “State assumed program”
  - These are the terms the Permits TWG is using.
  
4. Next Meeting ..... Chair Jeremy Casteel, HilgartWilson
  - SigDeg TWG: December 4, 2018 from 10am to 11:30am (at ADEQ)