

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
VOLUNTARY REMEDIATION PROGRAM (VRP)**

**Instructions for:  
Technical Dispute Resolution**

*These instructions are designed to help understand the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 49-185(B). Please review the statute in its entirety at*

*<http://www.azleg.gov/viewdocument/?docName=http://www.azleg.gov/ars/49/00185.htm>*

In a dispute concerning an issue of geologic, hydrologic, chemical, biological, or other scientific interpretation, the volunteer may request dispute resolution.

- ❖ The volunteer and the VRP shall seek in good faith to resolve the dispute informally.
- If the dispute cannot be resolved informally after 30 days:
  1. The volunteer submits a written statement describing the dispute, the volunteer's proposed resolution, and any supporting information.
    - Submit to the VRP within 20 days.
  2. The VRP will review the volunteer's statement and respond in writing.
    - Deliver to the volunteer within 30 days of receipt of volunteer's statement.
  3. A 3<sup>rd</sup> party professional will review the volunteer's statement and the VRP's response and provide recommended resolution to the ADEQ director.
    - Within 30 days after receipt of information.
    - Volunteer shall pay the 3<sup>rd</sup> party professional's cost of review.
  4. The ADEQ director will review the volunteer's statement, the VRP's response, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> party professional's recommended resolution then make a resolution selection.
    - Written explanation provided to the VRP and the volunteer within 45 days of receipt of 3<sup>rd</sup> party professional's recommended resolution.
- Deadlines may be extended by agreement of the parties.