

Upper Santa Cruz River Subwatershed Clean Water Plan for five stream reaches listed as impaired for Escherichia coliform (*E. coli*)

Public Notice # 18-12

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), in accordance with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, has developed a Clean Water Plan (CWP) that includes Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) analysis for 5 reaches in the Upper Santa Cruz River subwatershed near Nogales, Arizona. There are three reaches of the Santa Cruz below Nogales WWTP outfall to Sopori Wash, one reach Nogales Wash from the US/Mexico border to Potrero Creek and one reach of Potrero Creek from Interstate 19 to the Santa Cruz River. The CWP is supplemented with strategies including Best Management Practices and funding sources to mitigate the impaired streams. ADEQ has determined through sample collection and data analysis that the five separate stream reaches are impaired for Escherichia coli (*E. coli*).

A TMDL defines the total amount of a particular constituent or pollutant which can be introduced into a water body without causing an exceedance of state surface water quality standards. The TMDL process enlists the participation of stakeholder groups and other interested parties to assist in identifying possible sources of pollution, to allocate loads of those pollutants in accordance with the objectives of the analysis, and to identify the most reasonable measures that should be implemented in order for the stream to achieve surface water quality standards.

ADEQ released a draft version of the CWP for Upper Santa Cruz River watershed on October 15, 2018. Due to difficulties with the previously listed public notice email listed to receive comments, ADEQ will extend the written comment until 5:00 pm (MST) on January 31, 2019. Written comments should be sent to:

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Kyle Palmer
1110 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

or electronically mailed to: WatershedProtection@azdeq.gov

This CWP may currently be reviewed at the following locations:

- ADEQ Records Center (first floor) 1110 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007
(602) 771-2300 or

- The ADEQ website <http://www.azdeq.gov/node/677>

Responses to written comments received during the public comment period will be addressed and summarized in a public notice in the Arizona Administrative Register during the month of February 2019.

If you have further questions about the Upper Santa Cruz River CWP and the five impaired reaches, please contact the project manager, Kyle Palmer at 1-800-234-5677, ext. 771-4540 (inside Arizona only) or (602) 771-4540.

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