

**PROPOSED ARIZONA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (AZPDES)  
PERMIT AND HEARING**

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:

AZPDES Permit No. AZ0026417  
Tucson Water  
4401 S. Tucson Estates Parkway  
Tucson, AZ85735

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Tucson Water applied for a new AZPDES permit for the proposed discharge of up to 10.2 million gallons per day (mgd) of treated groundwater from the Tucson Airport Area Remediation Project (TARP) Water Treatment Plant (WTP) to the Santa Cruz River in the Santa Cruz River Basin in Township 14 S, Range 13 E, Section 35, in Pima County, Arizona. The TARP Water Treatment Plant is a groundwater remediation facility in Tucson, Arizona. Tucson Water has operated the TARP WTP since September 1994, delivering treated groundwater to the Municipal drinking water system. Future operation will include delivery of water to the City of Tucson Recycled Water system for non-potable uses and to the Santa Cruz River for managed recharge.

The permit and fact sheet may be viewed online at <http://www.azdeq.gov/notices> by typing the permit number in the “Keywords” search box. 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 [ADEQ Records Center](#), 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. In Phoenix, please call (602) 771-4380 or e-mail [recordscenter@azdeq.gov](mailto:recordscenter@azdeq.gov) 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment to review the file.

The public comment period is in effect from September 3, 2021 to October 18, 2021. Persons may submit comments or request a public hearing on the proposed action in writing, to Swathi Kasanneni, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona 85007, or electronically to [Kasanneni.swathi@azdeq.gov](mailto:Kasanneni.swathi@azdeq.gov). All written comments received by ADEQ by the close of business on the date 30 days after publication of this notice 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-A908(B).

The draft permit and factsheet were published in the Daily Territorial on September 3, 2021. Due to comment received, ADEQ is extending the public comment period by 15 days and will be conducting a public hearing. The draft permit and factsheet was republished in the Daily Territorial on September 17, 2021. A public Hearing will be held online on October 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM MST. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow the public to make comments for the record. ADEQ will respond in writing to all comments submitted during the formal public comment period. The public hearing will be held remotely due to the current health concerns posed by Covid-19. There will be no physical access to the hearing.

If you wish to verbally comment during the hearing, you can connect using the GoToWebinar application using a computer, tablet or phone that is equipped to meet the internet and system requirements. You must pre-register to

attend the hearing via the GoToWebinar application using this Registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5355476365507312908>

If you wish to verbally comment during the hearing but do not have access to a computer and internet service, please call Chris Montague-Breakwell, ADEQ Unit Manager, at (602) 771-4162, at least 48 hours prior to the hearing for assistance.

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