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# ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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## Clean Water Act § 401 Water Quality Certification

### Regional General Permit No. 6 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District for the U.S. National Park Service Categorically Excluded Activities in Glen Canyon and Lake Mead National Recreation Areas

#### 1. Authorization

This State Water Quality Certification (WQC) is issued by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) under the authority of § 401(a) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) and Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) § 49-202.

Based on the information provided and identified in Section 3, ADEQ certifies that the activities proposed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service will not violate applicable Surface Water Quality Standards (SWQS) in the Glen Canyon and Lake Mead National Recreation Areas.

#### a. Location

Glen Canyon and Lake Mead National Recreation Areas  
ADEQ PLC: 6419  
ADEQ LTF: 91801

#### b. Applicant Information

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#### Authorizing Signature

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## 2. Description of Certified Activities

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Sacramento District, is reissuing the Regional General (RGP) Permit 6, U.S. National Park Service (NPS) Categorically Excluded Activities in Glen Canyon and Lake Mead National Recreation Areas (NRAs).

The RGP 6 is intended to streamline the permitting process for routine maintenance activities, provide mitigation certainty for new construction projects, and authorize minor impact activities which do not qualify for issuance under a Nationwide Permit (NWP). Activities that would qualify for processing through the proposed RGP 6 are dredge and fill activities resulting in unavoidable, relatively minor impacts and, therefore, do not warrant more detailed processing.

The RGP 6 reissuance includes increasing routine maintenance activities which do not require pre-construction notifications, from 0.1 acres and 250 cubic yards of material, to 0.5 acres and 500 cubic yards of material within waters of the U.S. (excluding wetlands and springs). Also, included is the grading and maintenance of shorelines and beach areas in existing developed areas, not to exceed 3 acres.

This permit applies to all waters that are considered to be part of the surface tributary system (i.e. lakes, tributaries and wetlands) within the boundaries of the Glen Canyon and Lake Mead NRAs that are within the Sacramento District's Area of Responsibility and include Coconino and Mohave Counties in Arizona.

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As stated in Section 1, ADEQ certifies that the RGP 6, in its entirety, will not violate applicable Surface Water Quality Standards (SWQS) in the Glen Canyon and Lake Mead National Recreation Areas, based on the following:

- Notification to ADEQ is not required if the activities are non-notifying to the USACE.
- Activities that require notification to the USACE, also require notification to ADEQ.
- The RGP 6 includes Terms, General Conditions, Special Conditions and Pre-Construction Notification Procedures that must be followed to obtain and/or maintain 401 Water Quality Certification.

For specific information on the RGP 6, please see:

[www.spk.usace.army.mil/Media/RegulatoryPublicNotices.aspx](http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Media/RegulatoryPublicNotices.aspx).

### 3. Information Reviewed

During the development of this WQC, ADEQ had access to and reviewed the following documents, which are on file with ADEQ:

- a. U.S. Corps of Engineers (USACE) Public Notice of Proposed Reissuance of Regional General Permit No. 6, U.S. National Park Service Categorically Excluded Activities in Glen Canyon and Lake Mead National Recreation Areas, comment period October 20 – November 19, 2021. USACE Project Manager: Hollis Jenkins.
- b. State of Arizona Surface Water Quality Standards (SWQS), Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) Title 18, Chapter 11, Article 1, Appendix B. Designated uses for Lake Mead and Lake Powell are:
  - i. Aquatic and Wildlife, cold (A&Wc);
  - ii. Full Body Contact (FBC);
  - iii. Domestic Water Supply (DWS);
  - iv. Fish Consumption (FC);
  - v. Agriculture Irrigation (Agl); and
  - vi. Agriculture Landscaping (AgL).
- c. State of Arizona's 2018 303(d) List of Impaired Waters: Lake Powell is impaired for Mercury in Fish Tissue.

### 4. ADEQ Correspondence

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- c. In any correspondence, please reference:  
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