

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

#### REISSUANCE OF GENERAL PERMIT FOR BIOSOLIDS LAND APPLICATION

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1. **Name of the agency:** Department of Environmental Quality
2. **Type of notice filed:** Proposed reissuance of Biosolids General Permit for Land Application activities for Treatment Works Treating Domestic Sewage.

3. **A brief description of the proposed general permit:**

Pursuant to Title 49, Chapter 2, Article 3.1 and Arizona Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 9, Articles 9 and 10, and the Clean Water Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), the Department is proposing to reissue a general permit under the Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES), authorizing treatment works treating domestic sewage that prepare biosolids for land application. The proposed permit is intended to replace permit AZGP2013-001.

4. **A description of the permit area:**

The proposed general permit authorizes the treatment of sewage sludge to prepare biosolids for land application in Arizona if the specified criteria are met, except for Indian Country as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1151.

**5. How to obtain copies of the draft permit documents:**

Copies of the general permit and accompanying fact sheet are available upon request from the agency personnel listed in item 8, below, and on the Department's website at <http://azdeq.gov/notices>. The general permit and fact sheet are also available in the Records Center at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, and may be reviewed any time between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

**6. The time during which the agency will accept written comments:**

Public comment period begins on May 27, 2022 and will last 30 days. Comments on the proposed general permit must be submitted c/o Sondra Francis at the address, or e-mail address provided below, and received or postmarked no later than June 26, 2022. No formal public hearing is currently scheduled. However, within the comment period, interested persons may also request a public hearing under A.A.C. R18-9-A908 concerning the proposed permit.

If the Department decides to hold a public hearing, the time and place of the public hearing will be announced on the ADEQ web site under Public Hearing at <https://www.azdeq.gov/welcome-adeq>. Alternatively, interested persons may request such notification by contacting Sondra Francis at the e-mail address, postal address, or phone number below.

**7. The name, address, and telephone number of agency personnel to whom questions and comments on the general permit may be addressed:**

Name: Sondra Francis

Address: Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
Water Quality Division, Surface Water Section  
1110 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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