

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DECISION TO ISSUE A SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT TO AN INDIVIDUAL AQUIFER PROTECTION PERMIT

Pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 9, Article 1, the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality intends to issue a significant amendment to an Individual Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) for the following applicant:

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Permittee: U.S. Department of Interior - National Park Service

Facility: Grand Canyon National Park – North Rim Wastewater Treatment Plant

Permit No.: 100749 **LTF:** 101527

The North Rim Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is operated by the Grand Canyon National Park and is located on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, near the North Rim developed area off Helibase Road, in Coconino County, Arizona. The purpose of this amendment is to replace the secondary treatment system with a temporary packaged membrane bioreactor (MBR) treatment system in response to damage sustained in the 2025 wildfire. The WWTP will have a maximum average monthly flow of 86,000 gallons per day (gpd). The new treatment train includes headworks with mechanical screening, an equalization tank, packaged bioreactors providing biological nitrogen removal, MBR filtration, and ultraviolet (UV) disinfection. Effluent will be discharged to Transept Canyon under a valid AZPDES Permit No. AZ0110426.

How to Review the Documents

You can view the documents online by finding this notice in the list on azdeq.gov/PublicNotices.

The documents are also available at the ADEQ Records Center. Call 602-771-4380 to make an appointment, or visit the Records Center located at 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Learn more at azdeq.gov/records.

How to Submit Comments

Written comments regarding the proposed action can be submitted two ways:

- Email comments to Ho.Lam@azdeq.gov

- Mail comments to:
ADEQ Water Quality Division
Attn: Lam Ho, Individual APP unit
1110 W. Washington St.,
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

The comment period begins October 8, 2026. Comments must be received or postmarked by November 7, 2026 to be considered.

You may request a public hearing on the proposed action by email or mail. 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.

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