

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DECISION TO ISSUE 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 an Individual Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) for the following applicant:

Permittee: Town of Jerome

Facility: Town of Jerome Wastewater
Treatment Plant
Sewer Plant Rd, Jerome, Yavapai County,
Arizona

Permit No.: 100721 **LTF:** 89387

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Details

The Town of Jerome owns and operates one wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) for treatment of municipal wastewater generated within Town limits. The WWTP is located on Sewer Plant Road in the northeastern portion of the Town. The WWTP receives wastewater through the gravity collection system owned and maintained by the Town.

The purpose of this amendment is to increase the permitted flow rate from 70,000 gallons per day (gpd) to 90,000 gpd by upgrading the biological treatment process to improve treatment performance. The existing screens, the settling tank, trickling filters, reed beds, and wetland cells will be replaced with new processes. Secondary treatment will be provided by sequencing batch reactors, which will be installed near the existing trickling filters.

How to Review the Documents

You can view the documents online by finding this notice in the list on [azdeq.gov/PublicNotices](https://www.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](https://www.azdeq.gov/records).

How to Submit Comments

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

- Email comments to lynn.elisabeth@azdeq.gov
- Mail comments to ADEQ Water Quality Division, Attn: Elisabeth Lynn, Groundwater Reclamation and Reuse - Individual Permits Unit.
1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona 85007

The comment period begins July 4, 2026. Comments must be received or postmarked by August 2, 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.

ADEQ will take reasonable measures to provide access to department services to individuals with limited ability to speak, write or understand English and/or to those with disabilities. Requests for language translation, ASL interpretation, CART captioning services or disability accommodations must be made at least 48 hours in advance by contacting the Title VI Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Joaquin Marruffo Ruiz, at 520-628-6744 or Marruffo.Joaquin@azdeq.gov. For a TTY or other device, Telecommunications Relay Services are available by calling 711.

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