

PROPOSED ARIZONA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

INDIVIDUAL PERMIT RENEWAL

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. AZ0026026

City of Benson Wastewater Treatment Plant
300 West Harvest Way
Benson, Arizona 85602

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The City of Benson has submitted a renewal application for an AZPDES individual permit for the proposed discharge of up to 1.2 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated domestic wastewater from the City of Benson Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The discharge would flow to an unnamed wash, which is a tributary to the San Pedro River in the San Pedro River Basin in Cochise County, Arizona. Discharge to the receiving water will only occur when the volume of treated effluent exceeds the irrigation needs of the San Pedro Golf Course. The City of Benson WWTP is a publicly owned treatment works that receives domestic wastewater from residential and commercial sources in Benson. Sludge from the facility is pumped to drying beds and disposed of at the Western Regional Landfill.

The permit and fact sheet may be viewed online at <https://azdeq.gov/PublicNotices> 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 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment to review the file.

Persons may submit comments or request a public hearing on the proposed action in writing, to Benjamin Karls, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona 85007, or electronically to karls.benjamin@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).

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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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