

East Verde Estates Nitrogen Management Area Proposed Designation

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) welcomes comments on the proposal to designate the East Verde Estates Nitrogen Management Area.

Details

ADEQ is proposing to designate the East Verde Estates community in Gila County, which is serviced by the Payson Water Company – East Verde Estates community water system, as a Nitrogen Management Area (NMA) in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R18-9-A317. The designation of a site as an NMA serves to regulate and reduce existing or potential nitrate groundwater contamination caused by sources of nitrogen that are not monitored after permit issuance, primarily on-site wastewater treatment systems, also known as septic systems.

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 three ways:

- Email comments to <onsitewastewater@azdeq.gov>
- Mail comments to ADEQ, Water Quality Division, Attn: Matt Narter
1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona 85007

The comment period begins May 26, 2026. Comments must be received or postmarked by September 23 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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