

## AIR QUALITY DIVISION

### ARTICLE 15: FOREST AND RANGE MANAGEMENT BURNS SIP REVISIONS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND HEARING

The Air Quality Division of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) welcomes comments on the proposed Article 15: Forest and Range Management Burns State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions. The Article 15: Forest and Range Management Burns SIP regulates the process by which federal and state land managers request ADEQ approval to conduct prescribed burns. Improving and modernizing the forest and range management burn rules will aid in reducing the major threat of wildfires in Arizona. In addition to improving the rule, ADEQ will be fulfilling its five-year rule review promise to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council to make improvements to outdated rules. The Article 15: Forest and Range Management Burns SIP revisions will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for incorporation in Arizona's SIP as required under the Clean Air Act.

Comments will be accepted between Nov. 2, 2023, and Dec. 7, 2023. Comments may be mailed, faxed, or emailed to Alex Ponikvar, Air Quality Division, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007; email [ponikvar.alex@azdeq.gov](mailto:ponikvar.alex@azdeq.gov). ADEQ will address comments applicable to the proposed Article 15: Forest and Range Management Burns rule revisions. Comments are also welcome at the virtual public hearing held on Dec. 7, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. Comments must be received or postmarked no later than Dec. 7, 2023.

Review the proposed SIP revision online at: [static.azdeq.gov/prn/sip\\_article15.pdf](http://static.azdeq.gov/prn/sip_article15.pdf), or at the ADEQ Records Center, located at 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007.

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**When:** Dec. 7, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Arizona Time

**Where:** Virtual hearing

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