

Advanced Water Purification (AWP): Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

Tribal Listening Session

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- Background
- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Highlights
- Timeline
- Next Steps
- Online Resources and Contacts
- Open Discussion

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 - Via Physical Mail (See [NPRM](#))
 - Orally at Public Hearing on 12/2/24 (See [NPRM](#))

■ What have we done so far?



AWP: Notice of Proposed Rulemakings

WHAT

ARE

THE

RULES?

Who is proposing the rules?

- ADEQ

What are the rules?

- Advanced Water Purification (AWP) Regulatory Program
(formerly known as the Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) Regulatory Program)

What do the rules consist of?

- Three Components:
 - Program Component
 - Licensing Time-Frames (LTF) Component
 - Fee Component

Why are rules being made?

- ADEQ was mandated to develop an AWP / DPR regulatory program by the Arizona State Legislature in 2022
 - See A.R.S. § 49-211

When will the rules be effective?

- Projected for Spring 2025

Where are the rules?

- Arizona Administrative Code:
 - Title 18 - Environmental Quality
 - Chapter 9 - Department of Environmental Quality - Water Pollution Control
 - Article 8 - New AWP Article

How are the rules being made?

- Through a state rulemaking process, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1021 *et seq.*

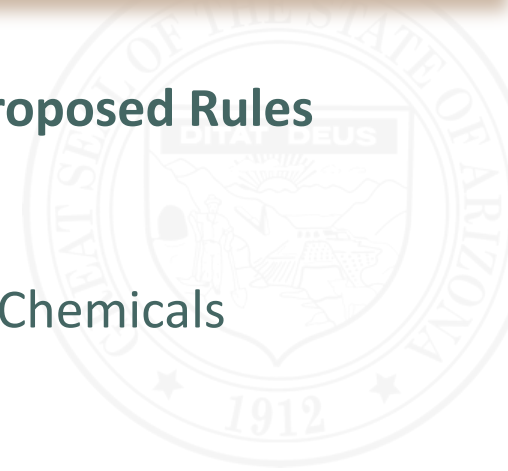


Draft Rule to Proposed Rule

- Draft Rule released in July 2024
- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published on 11/1/24



- **Overview of Significant Changes Between Draft & Proposed Rules**
 - Operator Certification
 - Tier 2, Advanced Water Purification-Specific Chemicals
 - Program Fees



- “Advanced water purification certified operator”
- Experience requirements updated.
 - A Grade 3 or Grade 4 drinking water operator; or
 - A **Grade 3** or Grade 4 wastewater treatment operator
- Examination requirements updated.
 - Additional test component for Grade 3/Grade 4 wastewater treatment operators

- EPA Health Advisory Table
- Notification Level
- Departmental HA
- Reference Dose or Cancer Slope Factor in Credible Peer-Reviewed Literature or state, Federal Databases
- Bioanalytical Study / Bioassay



- Updated annual fee:
 - \$101,250



Rulemaking Critical Path



November 1, 2024

- NPRMs publication date in *Arizona Administrative Register*

November 1, 2024 -
December 2, 2024

- Voice of the Customer; 30-Day Comment Period

December 2, 2024

- Public Hearing

- **SmartComment Portal & Rulemaking Webpage**
<https://www.azdeq.gov/awp-rulemaking>
- **Rulemaking Resources**
<https://azdeq.gov/awp-resources>
- **ADEQ Response to Draft Rule Comments**
<https://azdeq.gov/awp-resources>

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Respond to Questions

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