Today’s Agenda

- Follow-up from last stakeholder meeting
- Summary of Comments Received
- Initial Response to Comments
- Additional Comments/Question and Answer Session
- Next Steps
Endangered Species Act (ESA)

- **Section 7:** The law requires federal agencies, in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the NOAA Fisheries Service, to ensure that actions they protect endangered species.

- **Section 9:** The law also prohibits any action that causes a "taking" of any listed species of endangered fish or wildlife.

Black-footed ferret (Mustela nigripes)  
*Photo courtesy of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*
Summary of Comments to Draft UIC Rule

- Clarifications to UIC Program definitions and Program requirements
- Technical Concerns
- Consistency with Arizona Administrative Code and AZPDES Rule language
- Transition of Existing Permits and Aquifer Exemptions
- Cavern Mining and Storage
- Edits and wording
- ADEQ should not allow injection
We hope to hear from you. Your feedback will be considered in the final version of the AZ UIC Primacy Application and Rule.

If you have additional comments: Please submit them to:

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Robust Stakeholder Rule Review

Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening
- Published: September 27, 2019

Informal Stakeholder Review of Draft UIC Program Rule
- Webinar: November 6, 2019

Informal Stakeholder Comments Due
- November 26, 2019

Informal Stakeholder Review Follow-Up Meeting
- December 13, 2019

Formal Rule Process (NPRM, Public Hearing, NFRM)
- Spring/Summer 2020
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