ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
VOLUNTARY REMEDIATION PROGRAM (VRP)

Instructions for:
Technical Dispute Resolution

These instructions are designed to help understand the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 49-185(B). Please review the statute in its entirety at http://www.azleg.gov/viewdocument/?docName=http://www.azleg.gov/ars/49/00185.htm

In a dispute concerning an issue of geologic, hydrologic, chemical, biological, or other scientific interpretation, the volunteer may request dispute resolution.

❖ The volunteer and the VRP shall seek in good faith to resolve the dispute informally.

➢ If the dispute cannot be resolved informally after 30 days:
  1. The volunteer submits a written statement describing the dispute, the volunteer’s proposed resolution, and any supporting information.
     • Submit to the VRP within 20 days.

  2. The VRP will review the volunteer’s statement and respond in writing.
     • Deliver to the volunteer within 30 days of receipt of volunteer’s statement.

  3. A 3rd party professional will review the volunteer’s statement and the VRP’s response and provide recommended resolution to the ADEQ director.
     • Within 30 days after receipt of information.
     • Volunteer shall pay the 3rd party professional’s cost of review.

  4. The ADEQ director will review the volunteer’s statement, the VRP’s response, and the 3rd party professional’s recommended resolution then make a resolution selection.
     • Written explanation provided to the VRP and the volunteer within 45 days of receipt of 3rd party professional’s recommended resolution.

❖ Deadlines may be extended by agreement of the parties.