

NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening whenever an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking. Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY - WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

- 1. Title and its heading:** 18, Environmental Quality
Chapter and its heading: 9, Department of Environmental Quality - Water Pollution Control
Article and its heading: 8, Sewerage Systems
Section numbers: R18-9-801 through R18-9-819
- 2. The subject matter of the proposed rule:**
Pursuant to Senate Bill 1379 (Arizona Laws 1999, Ch. 26), the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) expects to establish a Unified Water Quality Permit program that will eliminate the need to obtain multiple water quality permits for the same discharging facility and streamline the water quality permitting process. To implement the program, ADEQ expects to propose rules to consolidate Arizona's current water quality permit and wastewater construction management programs, including Aquifer Protection Permit and construction approval for community and onsite wastewater treatment and disposal systems. Based on the consolidation, requirements for sewerage systems currently in Article 8 will be moved to other Articles, and Article 8 will be repealed.
- 3. A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: 3 A.A.R. 2178, August 15, 1997
Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: 5 A.A.R. 2014, June 18, 1999
- 4. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
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- 5. The time which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
To be published in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
- 6. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:**
It is anticipated that the proposal to repeal Article 8, Sewerage Systems will be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State, for publication in the *Register*, during the first half of 2000.