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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AZPDES DE MINIMUS GENERAL PERMIT

- 1. Name of the agency:** Department of Environmental Quality
2. Title and its heading: 18, Environmental Quality
Chapter and its heading: 9, Department of Environmental Quality
Water Pollution Control
Article and its heading: 9, Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
Section number: R18-9-A907

3. A brief description of the proposed general permit:

ADEQ is proposing to issue a De Minimus General Permit that authorizes the discharge of pollutants associated with potable and reclaimed water systems, subterranean dewatering, well development, aquifer testing, hydrostatic testing of specific pipelines, residential cooling water, charitable car washes, building and street washing, dechlorinated swimming pool water, and other short-term or low volume discharges when approved by ADEQ. De minimus discharges are discharges that contain only relatively low levels of pollutants and are of limited frequency and duration.

This De Minimus General Permit authorizes discharges from the specified activities where those discharges have potential to enter a water of the U.S. Note the AZPDES authorizing statute uses the term "navigable waters," which is defined as equivalent to the waters of the U.S. However, because the term "navigable waters" can be confusing to the general public (i.e., the definition of "navigable waters" also includes ephemeral washes, intermittent streams, playas, and wetlands, that may not be able to be traveled by conventional vessels), this permit generally references discharges to waters of the U.S.

Authorization under this permit will require the operator of the discharge facility to implement various best management practices and conduct discharge monitoring based on the type of discharge activity and the type of receiving water.

4. A description of the permit area:

This general permit covers specified de minimus discharges from the specified activities in Arizona, except for those de minimus discharges in Indian Country.

5. The time during which the agency will accept written comments:

Comments on the proposed general permit must be submitted to Chris Varga, ADEQ, Water Permits Unit, 1110 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007 and received or postmarked no later than December 7, 2003. Within the comment period, interested persons may also request a public hearing pursuant to A.A.C. R18-9-A908 concerning the proposed permit. No public hearing is scheduled.

6. The name, address, and telephone number of agency personnel to whom questions and comments on the general permit may be addressed:

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Copies of the proposed general permit and fact sheet are available upon request and on ADEQ's web site (<http://www.adeq.state.az.us/environ/water/permits/general.html#demi>).

The proposed general permit and fact sheet are also available at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Library, 1110 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ and may be reviewed any time between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.