



**NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING**

This section of the *Arizona Administrative Register* contains Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening.

A docket opening is the first part of the administrative rulemaking process. It is an “announcement” that the agency intends to work on its rules.

When an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking, the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of the Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening.

Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process. Many times an agency may file the Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening with the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

The Office of the Secretary of State is the filing office and publisher of these notices. Questions about the interpretation of this information should be directed to the agency contact person listed in item #4 of this notice.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

[R17-101]

- 1. Title and its heading:** 18, Environmental Quality
- Chapter and its heading:** 9, Department of Environmental Quality – Water Pollution Control
- Articles and their headings:** 6, Reclaimed Water Conveyances  
7, Direct Reuse of Reclaimed Water
- Parts and their headings:** A, General Provisions  
B, Reclaimed Water  
C, Recycled Industrial Wastewater  
D, Gray Water  
E, Purified Water for Potable Use
- Section numbers:** R18-9-601 through R18-9-603  
R18-9-701 through R18-9-720  
*(Sections may be added, deleted, or modified as necessary)*

**2. The subject matter of the proposed rule:**  
Reclaimed water is highly treated wastewater from a wastewater treatment plant. A.R.S. § 49-201(32). Reclaimed water has uses such as for irrigation. Using reclaimed water offsets and conserves potable water for human consumption and domestic purposes. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is developing changes to the reclaimed water rules, including the gray water requirements. ADEQ is considering changes to all the reclaimed water rules, including:

- The pipeline and open water conveyances in 18 A.A.C. 9, Article 6 (Reclaimed Water Conveyances),
- The permitting requirements in 18 A.A.C. 9, Article 7 (Direct Reuse of Reclaimed Water), and
- Reclaimed water uses and standards in 18 A.A.C. 11, Article 3 (Reclaimed Water Quality Standards).

ADEQ held statewide listening sessions over winter and spring 2016. ADEQ has engaged with a group of interested stakeholders to develop proposed rule changes. ADEQ will publish proposed rule changes with this Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening. Such proposed rule changes mark the first of three phases of rulemaking that ADEQ intends to make to the reclaimed water rules.

Please check the website: <http://www.azdeq.gov/draft-and-proposed-rule-water-quality-division> for further details and the opportunity to sign up to receive e-mail updates.

**3. A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**  
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: 23 A.A.R. 1663, June 23, 2017 (*in this issue*)

**4. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**

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**5. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**

Written comments on this rulemaking may be submitted at any time to the person referenced in item # 4 above. Formal written comments for the rulemaking record should be submitted after publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the *Arizona*



*Administrative Register* and prior to the close of public record date, which is 5:00 p.m. on July 25, 2017.

**6. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:**

ADEQ is filing proposed rule changes with this Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening, marking its first of three rulemaking phases to modify the reclaimed water rules.