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Review Published Notices

Review notices published in the *Arizona Administrative Register*.

The Preamble at the beginning of a notice contains information about the rulemaking and provides agency justification and regulatory intent. Agency contact information is published in the Preamble for those interested in participating in the rulemaking process.

The Preamble includes reference to the specific statutes authorizing the agency to make the rule, an explanation of the rule, reasons for proposing the rule, and the preliminary Economic Impact Statement.

Agency Contact Lists

Many agencies maintain stakeholder lists to contact those interested in proposed changes to rules. Check an agency's website and its newsletters for information about notices, oral proceedings, and meetings.

Feel like a change should be made to a rule and an agency has not proposed changes? You can petition an agency to make, amend, or repeal a rule. The agency must respond to the petition. Refer to A.R.S. § 41-1033 for more information.

Attend a Public Meeting

Attend a public meeting, known as an oral proceeding, being conducted by the agency on a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

A proceeding may be listed in the Preamble of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking or an agency may inform the public of the meeting in a Notice of Oral Proceeding. Attend the meeting and be prepared to speak and comment.

An agency may not have a public meeting scheduled on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. If not, you may request the agency schedule a proceeding. This request must be put in writing within 30 days after the published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Refer to information in the Preamble.

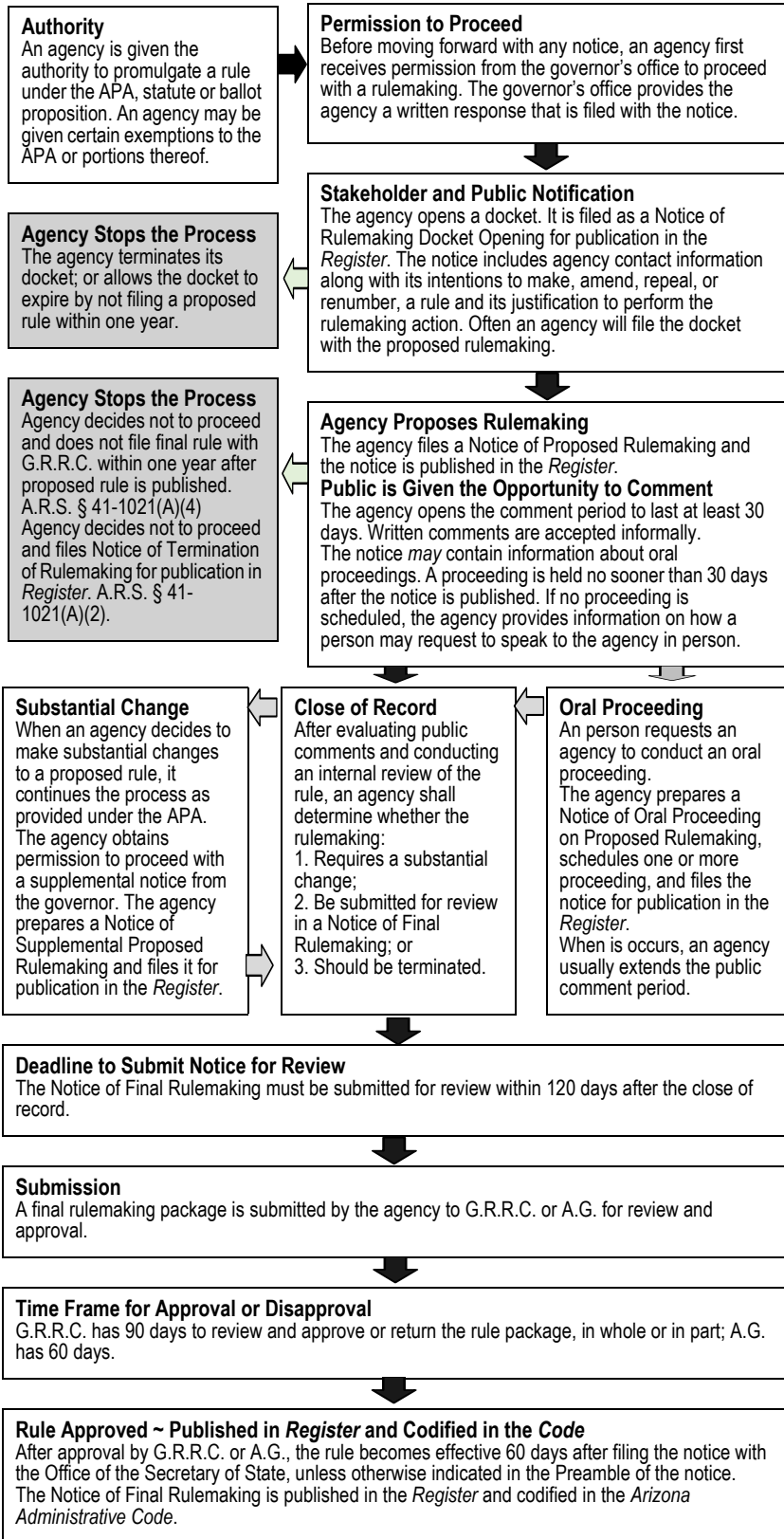
Write the Agency

Put your comments in writing and send them to the agency. In order for the agency to consider your comments, the agency must receive them by the close of record. The comment must be received within the 30-day comment timeframe following the *Register* publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

You can also submit to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council written comments that are relevant to the Council's power to review a given rule (A.R.S. § 41-1052). The Council reviews the rule at the end of the rulemaking process, before the rules are filed with the Secretary of State.

THE REGULAR RULEMAKING PROCESS

START THE PROCESS HERE



Definitions and Acronyms

Arizona Administrative Code, Code (A.A.C.): Official rules codified and published by the Secretary of State's Office. Available online at www.azsos.gov.

Arizona Administrative Register, Register (A.A.R.): The official publication that includes filed documents pertaining to Arizona rulemaking. Available online at www.azsos.gov.

Administrative Procedure Act (APA): A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Articles 1 through 10. Available online at www.azleg.gov.

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.): The statutes are made by the Arizona State Legislature during a legislative session. They are compiled by Legislative Council, with the official publication codified by Thomson West. Citations to statutes include Titles which represent broad subject areas. The Title number is followed by the Section number. For example, A.R.S. § 41-1001 is the definitions Section of Title 41 of the Arizona Administrative Procedures Act. The "§" symbol simply means "section." Available online at www.azleg.gov.

Chapter: A division in the codification of the *Code* designating a state agency or, for a large agency, a major program.

Close of Record: The close of the public record for a proposed rulemaking is the date an agency chooses as the last date it will accept public comments, either written or oral.

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): The *Code of Federal Regulations* is a codification of the general and permanent rules published in the *Federal Register* by the executive departments and agencies of the federal government.

Docket: A public file for each rulemaking containing materials related to the proceedings of that rulemaking. The docket file is established and maintained by an agency from the time it begins to consider making a rule until the rulemaking is finished. The agency provides public notice of the docket by filing a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening with the Office for publication in the *Register*.

Economic, Small Business, and Consumer Impact Statement (EIS): The EIS identifies the impact of the rule on private and public employment, on small businesses, and on consumers. It includes an analysis of the probable costs and benefits of the rule. An agency includes a brief summary of the EIS in its preamble. The EIS is not published in the *Register* but is available from the agency promulgating the rule. The EIS is also filed with the rulemaking package.

Governor's Regulatory Review (G.R.R.C.): Reviews and approves rules to ensure that they are necessary and to avoid unnecessary duplication and adverse impact on the public. G.R.R.C. also assesses whether the rules are clear, concise, understandable, legal, consistent with legislative intent, and whether the benefits of a rule outweigh the cost.

Incorporated by Reference: An agency may incorporate by reference standards or other publications. These standards are available from the state agency with references on where to order the standard or review it online.

Federal Register (FR): The *Federal Register* is a legal newspaper published every business day by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). It contains federal agency regulations; proposed rules and notices; and executive orders, proclamations, and other presidential documents.

Session Laws or "Laws": When an agency references a law that has not yet been codified into the Arizona Revised Statutes, use the word "Laws" is followed by the year the law was passed by the Legislature, followed by the Chapter number using the abbreviation "Ch.," and the specific Section number using the Section symbol (§). For example, Laws 1995, Ch. 6, § 2. Session laws are available at www.azleg.gov.

United States Code (U.S.C.): The Code is a consolidation and codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the United States. The Code does not include regulations issued by executive branch agencies, decisions of the federal courts, treaties, or laws enacted by state or local governments.

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The APA requires an agency file a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening which outlines its rulemaking intentions under A.R.S. § 41-1021. A docket opening and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking are often filed at the same time and published in the same *Register* issue. If they are not filed at the same time, information on where the docket opening was published is listed in the preamble of the proposed rulemaking.

An agency must allow at least 30 days to elapse after the publication of the Notice of Pro-

posed Rulemaking in the *Register* before scheduling any oral proceedings. Written public comments shall be accepted for at least 30 days after the published notice. Refer to A.R.S. §§ 41-1013, 41-1022 and 41-1023.

Questions about the notice can be answered by the person listed in item #5 of the preamble.

Refer to item #11 for information on how to comment on this notice, the close of record to comment, and information related to oral proceedings.

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TITLE 18. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

**CHAPTER 14. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PERMIT AND COMPLIANCE FEES**

[R26-03]

PREAMBLE

1. Permission to proceed with this proposed rulemaking was granted under A.R.S. § 41-1039 by the governor on:
May 6, 2024 and September 22, 2025

| <u>2. Article, Part, or Section Affected (as applicable)</u> | <u>Rulemaking Action</u> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| R18-14-101 | Amend |
| R18-14-102 | Amend |
| R18-14-104 | Amend |
| R18-14-106 | Amend |
| R18-14-108 | Amend |
| R18-14-109 | Amend |
| R18-14-110 | Amend |
| R18-14-111 | Amend |
| R18-14-112 | Amend |
| R18-14-113 | Repeal |
| R18-14-202 | Amend |
| R18-14-301 | Amend |

3. Citations to the agency's statutory rulemaking authority to include the authorizing statute (general) and the implementing statute (specific):

Authorizing statute: A.R.S. §§ 49-104(C)(1), 49-210, 49-241, 49-242

Implementing statute: A.R.S. §§ 49-211, 49-241.02, 49-242(E), 49-255.01(J), 49-352(A), 49-353(A)(2), 49-361

4. Citations to all related notices published in the *Register* that pertain to the current record of the proposed rule:
Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: 31 A.A.R. 4140; Issue Date: October 24, 2025; Issue Number: 43; File Number: R25-243

5. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the rulemaking:

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6. An agency's justification and reason why a rule should be made, amended, repealed or renumbered, to include an explanation about the rulemaking:

A. Summary of Proposed Rulemaking

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is proposing amendments to Title 18, Chapter 14 of the *Arizona Administrative Code* to revise the methodology for annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments to water quality program fees. The two primary changes are: (1) updating the CPI calculation method used for annual fee adjustments from an “annual average” CPI to a “point-to-point” CPI measure, and (2) changing the fee rounding rule from rounding to the nearest \$10 to rounding down to the nearest cent for all CPI-adjusted fees. These changes will apply to all relevant fees in Chapter 14, including for water quality protection services (Article 1), public water system design review fees (Article 2), and certified operator fees (Article 3). This proposed methodology change is intended to align with current agency practices while complying with statutory limits. The proposed rule does not introduce new fees or raise existing fee caps, nor does it alter ADEQ operations, service delivery, or the obligations of the regulated community. The amended rules are intended to take effect August 1, 2026, in advance of the scheduled annual fee adjustments on that date.

Additionally, this proposed rulemaking implements a course of action proposed in a five-year rule report approved by the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council by updating statutory references, repealing an outdated rule, updating a rule title to improve clarity, and correcting typographical errors.

B. Need and Statutory Compliance

1. CPI Changes: Justification and Benefits

This rulemaking is necessary to ensure ADEQ’s fee adjustments remain in strict compliance with A.R.S. § 41-1008(A)(3). That statute prohibits agencies from increasing a fee by more than the percentage change in the average CPI since the last fee increase without obtaining approval from the joint legislative budget committee. Under the existing rules last updated in 2023, ADEQ adjusts fees each year based on the average CPI for the 12 months ending June 30, and then rounds to the nearest \$10. Upon internal review, ADEQ determined that the current “annual average” CPI method can, in certain inflation scenarios, result in a fee increase slightly above the actual year-to-year inflation rate. Additionally, rounding fee increases to the nearest \$10 could cause fees to exceed the inflation change allowed by A.R.S. § 41-1008. To address these issues, ADEQ is proposing a more precise CPI calculation and rounding method in this Notice.

These amendments are justified to maintain strict adherence to state law limits on fee increases. By using a point-to-point CPI metric, the rule will more closely tie annual fee adjustments to the actual year-over-year inflation experienced in Arizona’s urban consumer market. Likewise, adopting round-down to the nearest cent ensures that fee payers are never charged more than the inflation-adjusted amount.

Furthermore, the new rounding rule provides consistency across all fee categories. In the past, rounding to \$10 may have been administratively convenient, but it introduced stepwise jumps in fees that were not proportional at the micro level. Rounding to the cent aligns with typical financial transactions and simplifies the fee schedule for customers, who will see fees in standard currency format.

2. R18-14-104(F)

R18-14-104(F) addresses annual adjustment of fees relative to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, and the proposed amendment adds an exception for Underground Injection Control (UIC) annual waste disposal fees that adjust CPI rounding from the nearest \$10 to the nearest 100th of a cent and the nearest 10th of a cent, respectively. This is because those annual waste disposal fees are assessed at \$0.002/gallon for Class I Permits and \$0.08/ton for Class V Permits, respectively; thus, rounding those amounts to the nearest \$10.00, as the rule currently reads, may result in outsized fees being assessed.

3. R18-14-104(A)

The proposed amendment to R18-14-104(A) helps clarify the basis for calculating how a regulated site holding more than one individual permit issued under the Aquifer Protection Program (APP) statutes (e.g., injection well, land treatment facility, dry well, on-site wastewater treatment facility with a capacity of more than three thousand gallons per day, a recharge facility, or a facility that discharges to protected surface waters) should calculate its annual registration fee by invoking A.R.S. § 49-242(F), which controls the basis for calculating annual registration fees. That statute provides that, “[f]or a site with more than one permit subject to the requirements of this section, the owner or operator of the facility at that site shall pay the annual registration fee . . . based on the permit that covers the greatest gallons of discharge or influent per day plus one-half of the annual registration fee for gallons of discharge or influent for each additional permit.” This update is not a substantive change, but rather, adds a statutory citation for clarity purposes; the statute always applied, but the addition of the citation makes it clear how such fees should be calculated.

4. R18-14-101, R18-14-106, and -R18-14-113

The proposed amendments to R18-14-101, R18-14-106, and R18-14-113 are limited to repealing an outdated, redundant, or otherwise no longer necessary rule and implementing a course of action proposed in a five-year rule report approved by the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council.

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R-18-14-101

The statutory reference to A.R.S. § 49-241.02 is removed. That statute has been modified, and no longer contains the references/definitions it was cited for, and is thus out of date and improperly cited.

A.R.S. § 49-241.02 was modified via 2022 Ariz. HB 2406 (2022 2nd Reg. Sess. Chp. 204 § 3, effective September 24, 2022). Before, the statute had only authorized ADEQ to conduct a one-time rulemaking establishing fee rules for the APP program, and instructed ADEQ to “review the revenues derived from and expenses incurred for processing permit action applications through June 30, 2014 to determine the adequacy of the maximum fees, and by August 31, 2014, the department shall issue a report to the legislature on its findings.” The 2022 legislation modified the statute to grant ADEQ ongoing authority to adopt APP fee rules to “pay the expenses incurred in implementing” the APP program. The associated definitions section was removed at that time.

Typographical errors related to a prior renumbering of definitions are also corrected.

R18-14-106

Currently, the title is “Reconsideration of a Bill; Appeal Process.” The title is updated to remove ambiguity between an informal request for reconsideration of a billing charge, which the rule provides, and a formal appeal of agency action under A.R.S. § 41-1092, et seq. This nominal change does not diminish the ability to formally appeal agency action in any way; rather, the rule is intended to provide a quick and easy path to dispute bills as ADEQ generates invoices, without having to go through the entire formal appeal process.

R18-14-113

This outdated rule, related to the initial implementation of fees, is repealed.

C. Explanation of Proposed Amendments

ADEQ utilizes available bi-monthly CPI, all items, not seasonally adjusted, data for all urban consumers within the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ metropolitan area. Data is published and made available by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), an independent agency within the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), responsible for measuring labor market activity, working conditions, price changes, and productivity in the economy.

There are different methodologies available to ADEQ to implement changes to the index, and ADEQ proposes a change to CPI fee adjustments as follows:

First, the “base year” methodology in the fee rules will be changed from the “annual average” CPI over a 12-month period to a “point-to-point” measurement. Practically, this means the adjustment factor each year will be calculated using the CPI index value for a specific point in time compared to the index value at the base year. Previous fee adjustments were calculated by taking the arithmetic mean or annual average of the CPI values for each available month in a specified year, from August through June. To determine the CPI change between multiple time periods, the annual average would be calculated for the most recent year of bi-monthly data between August and June, then compared against the annual average bi-monthly data in the comparison year. For instance, when determining the CPI change between 2023 and 2025, the change was calculated from the annual averages for August 2022 through June 2023 against August 2024 through June 2025. The change was then applied to the existing fee level, then rounded to the nearest \$10. This includes rounding up or down, depending on the nearest \$10 interval.

The updated method for fee adjustments proposed in this rule uses a direct comparison of the CPI values for June of the latest year, compared with June of the comparison year. For instance, when determining the CPI change between 2023 and 2025, the change would be calculated from June 2023 to June 2025, with the calculation reflecting only those two CPI values. Once the CPI change is applied to the existing fee levels, the new fee amount is always rounded down to the nearest cent. This change is intended to make certain that all new CPI calculations remain at or less than the change in CPI between respective time periods. This point-to-point method measures the actual change in the CPI between two points (e.g. June 2023 to June 2025) rather than the change in two 12-month averages. It produces a slightly lower inflation factor in the present context, reflecting recent decelerating inflation trends. For example, using the existing “annual average” method, the CPI inflation factor from 2023 to 2025 would be about 1.0411 (4.11% increase), whereas using a June-to-June point-to-point method it is about 1.0293 (2.93% increase). This difference (approximately 1.2 percentage points) indicates the CPI component of the point-to-point method is more conservative in measuring inflation for this period.

Second, the rulemaking will require that all CPI-adjusted fees be rounded down to the nearest cent. The current rules instruct rounding adjustments to the nearest \$10. For example, a calculated fee of \$181.15 becomes \$180 when rounded to the nearest \$10. Going forward, ADEQ will calculate the exact adjusted fee and then round down to the nearest penny. Under the new approach, many annual fees will decrease by a small amount compared to the prior method. For instance, a representative fee that was \$174 in 2023 would increase to approximately \$179.09 under the new method instead of \$180.00 under the old method. In this example, the regulated entity would pay \$0.91 less, a reduction of about 0.5% from what the old methodology would have produced. Similar modest reductions, on the order of half a percent or less, on average, are expected across various fee categories due to the combined effect of the refined CPI factor and the change to rounding down.

D. Effective Date

ADEQ intends to have the proposed rules effective August 1, 2026. This date coincides with the schedule for annual CPI-based fee adjustments and will ensure that the 2026-2027 annual fee cycle uses the new methodology. By setting the effective date to August 1, 2026, ADEQ will avoid any mid-year change in calculation for the 2025 adjustment and cleanly implement the new method for the next cycle. In accordance with A.R.S. § 41-1032, ADEQ will request that the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council approve this later effective date in the final rulemaking, as it is beyond the normal 60-day period after final rule approval. This timing is

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needed to maintain continuity in how fees are calculated within a given annual cycle and to provide sufficient notice to stakeholders.

7. A reference to any study relevant to the rule that the agency reviewed and proposes either to rely on or not to rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the rule, where the public may obtain or review each study, all data underlying each study, and any analysis of each study and other supporting material:

ADEQ reviewed an actuarial audit conducted by Taylor & Mulder, Inc. (T&M), comprising of an actuarial review of fees charged in connection with the Solid Waste Division of ADEQ. The Agency relied on the findings of this report to affirm the soundness and accuracy of CPI calculations used in determining fee levels. A copy of the report is available for review at ADEQ, 1110 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

This proposal is further based on internal analysis of CPI data and fee outcomes contained in a spreadsheet comparison of methodologies (“WQD 2023–2025 CPI Calculations Comparison”), which is part of the rulemaking record. The data and calculations from this internal analysis are summarized in the Economic Impact Statement and are available from the agency contact person upon request. All underlying CPI figures were obtained from official U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data for the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale CPI-U index, as referenced in the rules.

8. A showing of good cause why the rulemaking is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rulemaking will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:

Not applicable

9. The preliminary summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact:

This section provides an overview of the impacts of the proposed rule, and a final version of the EIS will be provided in the Notice of Final Rulemaking. This proposed rulemaking (1) adjusts Underground Injection Control (UIC) annual waste disposal fees downward from the nearest \$10 to the nearest 100th of a cent and the nearest 10th of a cent, respectively; (2) clarifies calculation of Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) fees by adding a statutory reference; (3) removes outdated rules and statutory references; (4) corrects minor typographical errors, and (5) results in modest fee adjustments, with fees overwhelming being adjusted to be slightly less than under the previous method. Proposals (1) through (4) are very unlikely to result in any economic, small business, or consumer impact and are therefore not addressed in this preliminary EIS, nor will they be in the final EIS. Proposal (5) will result in an economic, small business, or consumer impact, and is thus addressed below:

In an analysis of 185 species of water quality permits/authorizations issued by ADEQ, only 5 of 185 types of fees are slightly increased via this proposed change; the other 180 types of fees saw a reduction. All five of the increases are associated with transfer of existing permits from one party to another. Notably, permit transfer fees are the least expensive class of fees for each permit type. Specifically, the five increases are:

A. Aquifer Protection Program (APP) Type 2 and 3 General Permits - Transfer of Permit Authorization

The previous rounded calculation of \$70.00 becomes \$73.43, an increase of \$3.43 (4.9% change).

B. Aquifer Protection Program (APP) Type 4 General Permit - Transfer of Discharge Authorization

The previous rounded calculation of \$70.00 becomes \$73.43, an increase of \$3.43 (4.9% change).

C. Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) Permits - Transfer of Permit Authorization

The previous rounded calculation of \$70.00 becomes \$73.43, an increase of \$3.43 (4.9% change).

D. Reclaimed Water General Permits - Transfer of Permit Authorization

The previous rounded calculation of \$70.00 becomes \$73.43, an increase of \$3.43 (4.9% change).

E. Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class V Well Transfer of Permit Authorization

The previous rounded calculation of \$100.00 becomes \$102.92, an increase of \$2.92 (2.9% change).

The revision is intended strictly to align all future fee adjustments to be at or less than CPI adjustments allowed under statute. The purpose of this change is not to change the amount of fee generated revenue of ADEQ’s water quality programs, but to guarantee that ADEQ programs abide by A.R.S. § 41-1008(A)(3), which prohibits agencies from increasing fees by more than the percentage change in the average CPI unless reviewed by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC).

For all WQD fee categories, the difference between the two methods is minor. Notably, the point-to-point methodology, on average, is on the order of half a percent or less than the annual average methodology across major fee categories, when comparing CPI change between 2023 and 2025. With the point-to-point methodology, no fee is increased beyond the CPI; instead, the change prevents minor over-collections that could have occurred if the previous annual average method remained in use.

This rule is necessary to confirm statutory compliance and correct application of inflation indices, providing for fair and predictable fee adjustments as intended by A.R.S. § 41-1008. The adopted calculation method is the least burdensome means available, requiring only a technical correction with minor or negligible financial impact for any party. The change does not impose additional financial burdens on agencies, political subdivisions, small businesses, or consumers. Specifically, in the instance of CPI change between 2023 and 2025, the regulated community would benefit slightly from the average reduced fee increases resulting from the methodological correction, with the effect being negligible at the level of individual permits or annual fees.

The following information provides specific details on the parties that may be affected by this change.

ADEQ: No additional ADEQ staff time, resources, or technology changes are required. The fee rounding and calculation formulas are simply adjusted; all required CPI indices are publicly available and easily obtained.

Regulated Community: There are no new compliance activities or reporting requirements for permittees or applicants. The process

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for annual fee notification, billing, and collection remains unchanged in all substantive respects. The new methodology reduces the calculation steps needed to determine CPI changes, making results easier to replicate and increasing transparency and certainty in the fee adjustment process.

Small Businesses: The rule is not expected to affect the formation, continuation, or viability of small businesses within Arizona. Existing permittees and applicants may experience negligible to no material change in cost burdens or operational requirements.

Consumers: The rule has no expected adverse impacts on consumers. The minor change in fee adjustment methodology should not alter service quality or ADEQ program availability. No consumer would be deprived of regulatory protection, health standards, or process transparency because of this methodology revision.

10. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the economic, small business and consumer impact statement:

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11. The time, place, and nature of the proceedings to make, amend, repeal, or renumber the rule, or if no proceeding is scheduled, where, when, and how persons may request an oral proceeding on the proposed rule:

ADEQ has scheduled a virtual oral proceeding to receive oral comments on the rules, in accordance with A.R.S. § 41-1023; the time, place, and location of the hearing are listed below:

Date: Friday, March 2, 2026
Time: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
ONLINE (via GoToWebinar):

To join virtually, you will first need to register using the following link:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9058935027414178906>

After you register, you will receive a confirmation email with information on how to join the oral proceeding at the scheduled time.

Ability to comment.

PHONE:
United States: +1 (914) 614-3221
Access Code: 114-620-929
Listen only; no ability to comment.

Nature: Oral Proceeding on the proposed rules, with opportunity for formal comments on the record

Written or emailed comments related to this rulemaking may be submitted at any time during the public comment period to the person referenced in item 9 above. Close of comment period will occur on date of hearing (listed above).

ADEQ will take reasonable measures to provide access to department services to individuals with limited ability to speak, write or understand English and to those with disabilities. Requests for language translation, ASL interpretation, CART captioning services or disability accommodations must be made at least 48 hours in advance by contacting the Title VI Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Joaquin Marruffo Ruiz, at 520-628-6744 or Marruffo.Joaquin@azdeq.gov. For a TTY or other device, Telecommunications Relay Services are available by calling 711.

ADEQ tomará las medidas razonables para proveer acceso a los servicios del departamento a personas con capacidad limitada para hablar, escribir o entender inglés y/o para personas con discapacidades. Las solicitudes de servicios de traducción de idiomas, interpretación ASL (lengua de signos americano), subtítulo de CART, o adaptaciones por discapacidad deben realizarse con al menos 48 horas de anticipación comunicándose con el Coordinador de Anti-Discriminación del Título VI, Joaquin Marruffo Ruiz, al 520-628-6744 o Marruffo.Joaquin@azdeq.gov. Para un TTY u otro dispositivo, los servicios de retransmisión de telecomunicaciones están disponible llamando al 711.

12. All agencies shall list other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the specific agency or to any specific rule or class of rules. Additionally, an agency subject to Council review under A.R.S. §§ 41-1052 and 41-1055 shall respond to the following questions:

There are no other matters prescribed by statutes applicable specifically to ADEQ or this specific rulemaking.

a. Whether the rule requires a permit, whether a general permit is used and if not, the reasons why a general permit is not used:

Not applicable. These rules pertain to fees for water quality protection services (Article 1), public water system design

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review (Article 2), and certified operators (Article 3). The requirements for a permit, license, or agency authorization (for which ADEQ charges such fees) are established elsewhere in rule, specifically 18 A.A.C. 9.

b. **Whether a federal law is applicable to the subject of the rule, whether the rule is more stringent than federal law and if so, citation to the statutory authority to exceed the requirements of federal law:**

Not applicable. While the federal Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act are applicable to some of ADEQ’s water quality programs, those federal laws do not specify funding structures for the programs. No changes proposed in this rulemaking are more stringent than federal law.

c. **Whether a person submitted an analysis to the agency that compares the rule’s impact on the competitiveness of business in this state to the impact on business in other states:**

No such analysis was submitted to the agency.

13. **A list of any incorporated by reference material as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1028 and its location in the rules:**

Not applicable

14. **The full text of the rules follows:**

TITLE 18. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CHAPTER 14. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PERMIT AND COMPLIANCE FEES

ARTICLE 1. WATER QUALITY PROTECTION FEES

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ARTICLE 1. WATER QUALITY PROTECTION FEES

R18-14-101. Definitions

1. “APP” ~~No Change~~ means an Aquifer Protection Permit.
2. “AWP” means Advanced Water Purification.
3. “Complex modification” means:
 - a. A revision of an individual Aquifer Protection Permit for a facility within a mining sector ~~as defined in A.R.S. § 49-241.02(F)(1);~~ and
 - b. A revision of an individual Aquifer Protection Permit for a facility within a non-mining sector due to any of the following:
 - i. An expansion of an existing pollutant management area requiring a new or relocated point of compliance;
 - ii. A new subsurface disposal including injection or recharge, or new wetlands construction;
 - iii. Submission of data indicating contamination, or identification of a discharging facility or pollutants not included in previous applications that requires reevaluation of BADCT; or
 - iv. Closure of a facility that cannot meet the clean closure requirements of A.R.S. § 49-252 and requires post-closure care, monitoring, or remediation.
4. “Courtesy review” means a design review service that the Department performs within 30 days from the date of receiving the submittals, of the 60 percent completion specifications, design report, and construction drawings for a sewage collection system.
5. “Priority review” means a design review service for an APP Type 4 permit application that the Department completes using not more than 50 percent of the total review time-frame for the applicable Type 4 permit application as specified in 18 A.A.C. 1, Table 10.
6. “Request” means a written application, notice, letter, or memorandum submitted by an applicant to the Department for water quality protection services. The Department considers a request made on the date it is received by the Department.

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7. "Review hours" means the hours or portions of hours that the Department's staff spends on a request for a water quality protection service. Review hours include the time spent by the project manager and technical review team members, and if requested by the applicant, the supervisor or unit manager.
8. "Review-related costs" means any of the following costs applicable to a specific request for water quality protection service:
 - a. Presiding officer services for public hearings on a permitting decision,
 - b. Court reporter services for public hearings on a permitting decision,
 - c. Facility rentals for public hearings on a permitting decision,
 - d. Charges for laboratory analyses performed during the review, and
 - e. Other reasonable and necessary review-related expenses documented in writing by the Department and agreed to by an applicant.
9. "Standard modification" means an amendment to an individual Aquifer Protection Permit that is not a complex modification.
10. "UIC" means Arizona's Underground Injection Control Program.
11. "Water quality protection service" means:
 - a. Reviewing a request for an APP determination of applicability;
 - b. Pre-application consultation, issuing, renewing, amending, modifying, transferring, or denying an aquifer protection permit, an AWP permit, an AWP demonstration permit, an AZPDES permit, a UIC permit, a UIC application for an aquifer exemption or an injection depth waiver or a reclaimed water permit;
 - c. Reviewing supplemental information required by a permit condition, including annual reports and closure for an APP;
 - d. Performing an APP clean closure plan review;
 - e. Issuing or denying a Certificate of Approval for Sanitary Facilities for a Subdivision;
 - f. Registering or transferring registration of a dry well;
 - g. Conducting a site visit;
 - h. Reviewing proprietary and other reviewed products under A.A.C. R18-9-A309(E);
 - i. Reviewing, processing, and managing documentation related to an AZPDES general permit, including a notice of intent, notice of termination, certificate of no exposure, and waiver;
 - j. Registering and reporting land application of biosolids; ~~or~~
 - k. Pretreatment program review, inspection, or audit;
 - l. Reviewing and commenting on AWP permit and demonstration permit materials, including but not limited to, materials submitted to the Department pursuant to A.A.C. R18-9-C814, A.A.C. R18-9-C815, and A.A.C. R18-9-F835.

R18-14-102. Hourly Rate and Maximum Fees for Water Quality Protection Services

- A. The Department shall assess and collect an hourly rate fee for a water quality protection service, except for APP minor permit amendments specified under A.A.C. R18-9-A211(C)(1), (2) and (3) and A.A.C. R18-9-B906(B), unless a flat fee is otherwise designated in this Article, and UIC minor modifications specified under A.A.C. R18-9-C633(A).
- B. Hourly rate fees. The Department shall calculate the fee using an hourly rate of \$174, adjusted annually under subsection (D), except for the UIC program, where the Department shall calculate the fee using an hourly rate of \$145, and the AWP program, where the Department shall calculate the fee using an hourly rate of \$223, both adjusted annually under subsection (D). These rates shall then be multiplied by the number of review hours to provide a water quality protection service, plus any applicable review-related costs, up to the maximum fee specified in subsection (C), adjusted annually under subsection (D).
- C. Maximum fees for a water quality protection service assessed at an hourly rate in Table 1, adjusted annually under subsection (D).
- D. ~~The Director shall adjust the hourly rate and maximum fees listed in subsections (B) and (C) every August 1 to the nearest \$10, beginning August 4, 2023, by multiplying the hourly rate or maximum fee by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, and then dividing by the CPI for the year 2023. The CPI for any year is the average of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, as of the close of the 12-month period ending on June 30 of that year. Beginning August 1, 2026, the Director shall adjust the hourly rate and maximum fees listed in subsections (B) and (C) annually by multiplying the hourly rate and maximum fees by the June Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, then dividing by the June CPI for the year 2023, and then rounding down to the nearest cent. The June CPI for any year is the CPI for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, for June of that year.~~

R18-14-104. Annual Fees for Water Quality Protection Services Subject to Hourly Rate Fee

- A. Annual Registration Fees. The annual registration fee required under A.R.S. § 49-242 is in Table 2, adjusted annually under subsection (F). ~~If a site meets the criteria of A.R.S. § 49-242(F), calculate the annual registration fee accordingly.~~
- B. The Department shall assess an annual fee for an AZPDES related water quality protection service subject to an hourly rate fee as listed in Table 3, adjusted annually under subsection (F).
- C. The Department shall assess an annual fee of \$714, adjusted annually under subsection (F) for an individual reclaimed water permit.
- D. The Department shall assess an annual fee and an annual waste disposal fee as applicable to UIC regulated facilities, subject to an hourly rate fee, as listed in Tables 3.1 and 3.2, adjusted annually under subsection (F).
- E. The Department shall assess an annual fee of \$101,250, adjusted annually under subsection (F), for AWP permits and for AWP Demonstration permits.
- F. ~~The Director shall adjust the annual fees listed in subsections (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E) every August 1, to the nearest \$10, beginning August 4, 2023, by multiplying the annual fee by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, and then dividing by the CPI for the year 2023. The CPI for any year is the average of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, as of the close of the 12-month period ending on June 30 of that year. Beginning August 1, 2026, the Director shall adjust the annual fees listed in subsections (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E) annually by multiplying the annual fees by the June Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, then dividing by the June~~

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CPI for the year 2023, and then rounding down to the nearest cent; except for the annual waste disposal fees applicable to class VI UIC regulated facilities in Table 3.1, which shall be rounded to the nearest 100th of a cent and the nearest 10th of a cent, respectively. The June CPI for any year is the CPI for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, for June of that year.

R18-14-106. Reconsideration of a Bill, Appeal Process

- A. A person may seek review of a bill by filing a written request for reconsideration with the Director.
 - 1. The request shall specify, in detail, why the bill is in dispute and shall include any supporting documentation.
 - 2. The written request for reconsideration shall be delivered to the Director in person, by mail, or by facsimile on or before the payment due date or within 35 days of the invoice print date, whichever is greater.
- B. The Director shall make a final decision on the request for reconsideration of the bill and mail a final written decision to the person within 20 working days after the date the Director receives the written request.

R18-14-108. APP Water Quality Protection Services Flat Fees

- A. The Department shall assess a flat fee for an APP water quality protection service listed in this Section.
- B. Type 1 General Permits. No fee is required, except as stated in A.A.C. R18-9-A304(A)(2).
- C. Fees for Type 2 and Type 3 General Permits and related water quality protection services are listed in Table 4, adjusted annually under subsection (E). For purposes of this Section, “complex” is defined in A.A.C. R18-1-501(9). “Standard” means any permit that does not meet the definition of complex.
- D. Fees for Type 4 General Permits and related water quality protection services are listed in Table 5, adjusted annually under subsection (E).
- E. The Director shall adjust the APP water quality protection services flat fees listed in subsections (C) and (D) every August 1, to the nearest \$10, beginning August 4, 2023, by multiplying the APP water quality protection services flat fee by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, and then dividing by the CPI for the year 2023. The CPI for any year is the average of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, as of the close of the 12-month period ending on June 30 of that year. Beginning August 1, 2026, the Director shall adjust the APP water quality protection services flat fees listed in subsections (C) and (D) annually by multiplying the APP water quality protection services flat fees by the June Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, then dividing by the June CPI for the year 2023 and then rounding down to the nearest cent. The June CPI for any year is the CPI for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, for June of that year.

R18-14-109. AZPDES Water Quality Protection Services Flat Fees

- A. The Department shall assess a flat fee for an AZPDES water quality protection service, as described in Table 6, adjusted annually under subsection (D).
- B. In addition to the requirements in A.A.C. R18-9-A907(B), a draft permit will state the category and fee assigned to the permit and the factors for establishing the fee, according to Table 6. Any person may comment on the fee category assignment as part of the public comment period described in A.A.C. R18-9-A908.
- C. Annual Fee. The Department shall bill an annual fee, as described in Table 6, adjusted annually under subsection (D), to permittees who have not filed a notice of termination for an applicable general permit.
- D. The Director shall adjust the AZPDES water quality protection services flat fees listed in subsections (C) and (D) every August 1, to the nearest \$10, beginning August 4, 2023, by multiplying the AZPDES water quality protection services flat fee by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, and then dividing by the CPI for the year 2023. The CPI for any year is the average of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, as of the close of the 12-month period ending on June 30 of that year. Beginning August 1, 2026, the Director shall adjust the AZPDES water quality protection services flat fee and annual fees listed in subsections (A) and (C) annually by multiplying the AZPDES water quality protection services flat fees by the June Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, then dividing by the June CPI for the year 2023, and then rounding down to the nearest cent. The June CPI for any year is the CPI for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, for June of that year.

R18-14-110. Reclaimed Water Flat Fees

- A. The Department shall assess a flat fee for a reclaimed water quality protection service as listed in Table 7, adjusted annually under subsection (B). For purposes of this Section, “complex” is defined in A.A.C. R18-1-501(9). “Standard” means any permit that does not meet the definition of complex.
- B. The Director shall adjust the reclaimed water quality protection services flat fees listed in subsections (A) every August 1, to the nearest \$10, beginning August 4, 2023, by multiplying the reclaimed water quality protection services flat fee by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, and then dividing by the CPI for the year 2023. The CPI for any year is the average of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, as of the close of the 12-month period ending on June 30 of that year. Beginning August 1, 2026, the Director shall adjust the reclaimed water quality protection services flat fees listed in subsection (A) annually by multiplying the reclaimed water quality protection services flat fees by the June Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, then dividing by the June CPI for the year 2023 and then rounding down to the nearest cent. The June CPI for any year is the CPI for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, for June of that year.

R18-14-111. UIC Flat Fees

- A. The Department shall assess a flat fee for the following UIC regulated facility services, adjusted annually under subsection (B):
 - 1. Well installation in an Area Permit, \$200 per well installation.
 - 2. Class V authorization by rule, \$200 per well inventory.

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- 3. Class V authorization by rule, \$100 per well transfer.
- B. ~~The Director shall adjust the UIC regulated facility services flat fees listed in subsections (A) every August 1, to the nearest \$10, beginning August 4, 2023, by multiplying the UIC regulated facility services flat fee by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, and then dividing by the CPI for the year 2023. The CPI for any year is the average of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, as of the close of the 12-month period ending on June 30 of that year. Beginning August 1, 2026, the Director shall adjust the UIC regulated facility services flat fees listed in subsection (A) annually by multiplying the UIC regulated facility services flat fees by the June Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, then dividing by the June CPI for the year 2023 and then rounding down to the nearest cent. The June CPI for any year is the CPI for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, for June of that year.~~

R18-14-112. Other Flat Fees

Flat fees. The Department shall assess a flat fee for the following water quality protection services:

- 1. Certificate of Approval for Sanitary Facilities for Subdivisions.
 - a. Subdivision with public sewerage system: \$1,142, adjusted annually under subsection (2), for every increment of 150 lots or less;
 - b. Subdivision with individual sewerage system:
 - i. \$714, adjusted annually under subsection (2), for less than 10 lots;
 - ii. \$1,427, adjusted annually under subsection (2), for greater than 10 lots but less than 50 lots;
 - iii. \$1,427, adjusted annually under subsection (2), for each additional increment of 50 lots or less.
 - c. If water from a central system is not provided to the lot, the fee is one and one-half the applicable fee stated in subsection (3)(a) or (b).
 - d. Condominium subdivision: \$1,427, adjusted annually under subsection (2), for every increment of 150 units or less.
- 2. ~~The Director shall adjust the water quality protection services flat fees listed in subsections (1) every August 1, to the nearest \$10, beginning August 4, 2023, by multiplying the water quality protection services flat fee by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, and then dividing by the CPI for the year 2023. The CPI for any year is the average of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, as of the close of the 12-month period ending on June 30 of that year. Beginning August 1, 2026, the Director shall adjust the water quality protection services flat fees listed in subsection (1) annually by multiplying the water quality protection services flat fees by the June Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, then dividing by the June CPI for the year 2023 and then rounding down to the nearest cent. The June CPI for any year is the CPI for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, for June of that year.~~

R18-14-113. Implementation Repealed

~~The fees in this Article apply on July 1, 2011. For fees related to the AZPDES program:~~

- ~~1. A person shall submit the applicable fee when requesting a water quality protection service as specified in an AZPDES General Permit or in 18 A.A.C. 9, Article 9; and~~
- ~~2. A person is responsible for paying the annual fee for an AZPDES general permit, even if the person filed for coverage before the effective date of these rules.~~

ARTICLE 2. PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM – DESIGN REVIEW FEES

R18-14-202. Flat Rate Fees

- A. The Department shall assess and collect a flat rate fee for design review services for public water systems.
- B. Design criteria for public water systems are specified in 18 A.A.C. 4 and 18 A.A.C. 5.
- C. An applicant shall submit public water system design review fees with an application for an Approval to Construct, as specified in 18 A.A.C. 5, Article 5.
- D. The flat rate fees for a design review service:
 - 1. Are established in Table 1, adjusted annually under subsection (I), are assessed on a per-unit basis where applicable, and are cumulative unless otherwise specified in this Article;
 - 2. Shall be paid by cash, check, cashier’s check, money order, or any other method acceptable to the Department; and
 - 3. Shall be paid in full before the Department issues approval of an application.
- E. The Department shall refund 50 percent of the application fee paid by an applicant if, during the administrative completeness review time-frame period, the applicant:
 - 1. Fails to respond in a reasonably timely manner, as set forth in A.A.C. R18-1-507, to a notice of administrative deficiencies requesting additional information under A.A.C. R18-1-503, and the Department denies the application; or
 - 2. Withdraws the application.
- F. If an application is denied under A.A.C. R18-1-507 after the end of the administrative completeness review time-frame, the Department shall retain the flat fee paid by the applicant.
- G. If an applicant requests priority review, the Department shall approve or deny the request. When determining whether to approve a priority review request, the Department shall consider the complexity of the project and the Department’s current work load. If priority review is approved by the Department, the applicant shall pay the priority review fee specified in Table 1, adjusted annually under subsection (I).
- H. State agencies are exempt from all fees imposed under this Article pursuant to A.R.S. § 49-353(A)(2)(b).
- I. ~~The Director shall adjust the design review services fees listed in Table 1 every August 1, to the nearest \$10, beginning August 4, 2023, by multiplying the design review services fee by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, and then dividing by the CPI for the year 2023. The CPI for any year is the average of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-~~

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~~Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, as of the close of the 12-month period ending on June 30 of that year. Beginning August 1, 2026, the Director shall adjust the design review services fees listed in Table 1 annually by multiplying the design review services fees by the June Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, then dividing by the June CPI for the year 2023 and then rounding down to the nearest cent. The June CPI for any year is the CPI for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, for June of that year.~~

ARTICLE 3. CERTIFIED OPERATOR FEES

R18-14-301. Certified Operator Fees

- A. Definition terms from A.A.C. R18-5-101 apply to this Article.
- B. The Department shall assess and collect a flat rate fee for a certification or renewal under the operator certification program.
- C. A person shall submit the applicable fee when requesting a certification or renewal under 18 A.A.C. 5, Article 1, as described below:
 - 1. An applicant that seeks new certification shall submit a \$87 fee, adjusted annually under subsection (D), per certification.
 - 2. An operator that has not held a lower grade level for the required amount of time requests the Department's determination on experience and education in order to be admitted to a higher grade certification examination shall submit a fee of \$201, adjusted annually under subsection (D), per application.
 - 3. An applicant that requests a certificate based on reciprocity with another jurisdiction shall submit a fee of \$334, adjusted annually under subsection (D), per application.
 - 4. An operator submitting a certificate renewal shall submit a \$201, adjusted annually under subsection (D), fee for each certificate. If the operator has multiple certificates, the first certificate is \$201, adjusted annually under subsection (D), and each additional certificate with the same expiration date is \$67, adjusted annually under subsection (D).
- D. ~~The Director shall adjust the certification or renewal fees listed in subsection (C) every August 1, to the nearest \$10, beginning August 4, 2023, by multiplying the certification or renewal fee by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, and then dividing by the CPI for the year 2023. The CPI for any year is the average of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, as of the close of the 12-month period ending on June 30 of that year. Beginning August 1, 2026, the Director shall adjust the certification or renewal fees listed in subsection (C) annually by multiplying certification or renewal fees by the June Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent year, then dividing by the June CPI for the year 2023 and then rounding down to the nearest cent. The June CPI for any year is the CPI for All Urban Consumers, Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ, all items published by the United States Department of Labor, for June of that year.~~

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Summaries and Location of Documents

Substantive policy statements are written expressions that inform the general public of an agency's current approach to rule or regulation practice as defined under [A.R.S. § 41-1001\(24\)](#).

Agencies are required to prepare a Notice of Substantive Policy Statement and publish the titles of its substantive policy statements, a summary of statements, and its website where full statements can be reviewed under [A.R.S. § 41-1013\(B\)\(9\)](#).

Substantive policy statements are advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not

include internal procedural documents that only affect an agency's internal procedures and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the APA.

Any person may petition an agency under [A.R.S. § 41-1033\(A\)\(2\)](#) to review an existing agency practice or substantive policy statement that the petitioner alleges to constitute a rule.

For additional information about these notices, contact the person listed under Item #6.

NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(9)

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

[M26-01]

1. Statement title and policy number:

Regulatory Bulletin 2026-01 (INS): Coverage for Biomarker Testing

2. Is this a new policy or revision:

This is a new policy.

3. Date issued and effective date (if different from the date issued):

Date issued and effective: January 7, 2025

4. Policy summary:

The purpose of this Substantive Policy Statement ("Bulletin") is to provide guidance to health care insurers regarding recently observed areas of potential noncompliance in coverage for biomarker testing. The Bulletin provides citations to Arizona laws related to coverage for biomarker testing and applies to all hospital, medical, dental and optometric service corporations; health care service organizations; disability insurers; and group and blanket disability insurers operating in the state.

5. Authority (include the federal or state constitutional provision or statute, administrative rule, or regulation, or final court judgment):

A.R.S. §§ 20-841.13, 20-1057.19, 20-1376.10, and 20-1406.10

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Website: <https://difi.az.gov>

7. An electronic copy of the complete policy can be viewed at:

Website: <https://difi.az.gov/bulletins>

8. A paper copy of the complete policy can be obtained at:

Please contact the person listed in paragraph #6 for instructions on how to download this substantive policy statement for printing from the webpage listed in paragraph #7 at no cost.

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PROPOSED SUMMARY

PSMN = Proposed Summary new Section
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FINAL SUMMARY

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PROPOSED EXPEDITED

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PEM = Proposed Expedited amended Section
PER = Proposed Expedited repealed Section
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SUPPLEMENTAL EXPEDITED

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SPEM = Supplemental Proposed Expedited amended Section
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FINAL EXPEDITED

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EXEMPT RULEMAKING

EXEMPT

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XM = Exempt amended Section
XR = Exempt repealed Section
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EXEMPT PROPOSED

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PXM = Proposed Exempt amended Section
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EXEMPT SUPPLEMENTAL PROPOSED

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EEXP = Emergency expired

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| January 9, 2026 | January 30, 2026 | March 2, 2026 |
| January 16, 2026 | February 6, 2026 | March 9, 2026 |
| January 23, 2026 | February 13, 2026 | March 16, 2026 |
| January 30, 2026 | February 20, 2026 | March 23, 2026 |
| February 6, 2026 | February 27, 2026 | March 30, 2026 |
| February 13, 2026 | March 6, 2026 | April 6, 2026 |
| February 20, 2026 | March 13, 2026 | April 13, 2026 |
| February 27, 2026 | March 20, 2026 | April 20, 2026 |
| March 6, 2026 | March 27, 2026 | April 27, 2026 |

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MEETING DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

These deadlines apply to all Five-Year Review Reports and any rulemaking notice submitted for review to the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council (Council). The Office publishes these deadlines under A.R.S. [41-1013\(B\)\(15\)](#).

Council meetings and *Register* deadlines do not correlate.

All rulemaking notices submitted for review and Five-Year Review Reports are due in the Council office by 5 p.m. of the deadline date.

The Council’s office is located at 100 N. 15th Ave., Suite 305, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

For more information, call (602) 542-2058 or visit <https://grrc.az.gov>.

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| DEADLINE FOR PLACEMENT ON AGENDA* | FINAL MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL | DATE OF COUNCIL STUDY SESSION | DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Tuesday</i> December 23, 2025 | <i>Wednesday</i> January 21, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> January 27, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> February 3, 2026 |
| <i>Tuesday</i> January 20, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> February 17, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> February 24, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> March 3, 2026 |
| <i>Tuesday</i> February 17, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> March 24, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> March 31, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> April 7, 2026 |
| <i>Tuesday</i> March 24, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> April 21, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> April 28, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> May 5, 2026 |
| <i>Tuesday</i> April 21, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> May 19, 2026 | <i>Wednesday</i> May 27, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> June 2, 2026 |
| <i>Tuesday</i> May 19, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> June 23, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> June 30, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> July 7, 2026 |
| <i>Tuesday</i> June 23, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> July 21, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> July 28, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> August 4, 2026 |
| <i>Tuesday</i> July 21, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> August 18, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> August 25, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> September 1, 2026 |
| <i>Tuesday</i> August 18, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> September 22, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> September 29, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> October 6, 2026 |
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| <i>Tuesday</i> December 22, 2026 | <i>Tuesday</i> January 19, 2027 | <i>Tuesday</i> January 26, 2027 | <i>Tuesday</i> February 2, 2027 |

* Materials must be submitted by 5 p.m. on dates listed as a deadline for placement on a particular agenda. Placement on a particular agenda is not guaranteed.