

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DECISION TO ISSUE A
STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION OF A FEDERAL ACTION**

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Pursuant to the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 and in accordance with Arizona Administrative Code R18-1-401, the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) intends to issue a conditional State 401 water quality certification for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CoE) CWA 404 Individual Permit to the following applicant:

Applicant: Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)
Madhu Reddy, Phoenix District Engineer
1801 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 120 MD E700
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Project Name: Apache Junction to Tortilla Flat
Project Location: State Route (SR) 88 from Apache Junction to Tortilla Flat between mile posts 203.40 and 220.20 in Maricopa County, AZ

CoE Public Notice / Application No.: SPL-2011-437-KAT
LTF No.: 63732

The draft certification is available for public review, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at ADEQ, 1110 West Washington Street, Records Management Center, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. In Phoenix, please call (602) 771-4380 or e-mail RecordsCenter@azdeq.gov 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment to review the file.

The draft certification may be viewed online at: <http://www.azdeq.gov/cgi-bin/vertical.pl> on the Events and Notices Calendar for the date of this public notice.

Persons may submit comments on the proposed action, in writing, to Rosi Sherrill, Project Manager, ADEQ, Surface Water Section, 1110 West Washington Street, MC5415A-1, Phoenix, AZ 85007 or electronically to ls7@azdeq.gov. Comments must include the name, mailing address and e-mail address (if available) of the commenter. Comments must be received by 5 pm on April 16, 2016.

To request an auxiliary aid or service for accessible communication, please contact Alicia Pollard at (602) 771-4791 or at aap@azdeq.gov or dial 7-1-1 for TTY/TTD Services.