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Subject: West Van Buren Area WQARF site - Revised Draft Feasibility Study Report Approval

Attachments: FS approval letter - WG final pdf.pdf

Please see the attached letter approving the Revised Draft Feasibility Study Report, submitted on behalf of the West Van Buren Working Group for the West Van Buren Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund site.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

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Re: Draft Feasibility Study – West Van Buren Working Group

Dear Ms. Clement, Mr. Drazek, Mr. Klein and Mr. Travers:

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has completed its review of the *Revised Draft Feasibility Study Report* (FS Report), submitted December 1, 2014. The FS Report was prepared by Haley & Aldrich, Inc. on behalf of the West Van Buren Working Group (WVBWG) for the West Van Buren (WVB) Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) site. ADEQ has reviewed the FS Report under an executed working agreement dated January 15, 2013 between the WVBWG and ADEQ.

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ADEQ had previously completed the "administrative completeness" review and provided comments to the WVBWG. It should be noted that the checklist used for this portion of the review was more administrative than substantive. During this review, it was determined that ADEQ should have answered Item #7 as "No" versus "Not Applicable". ADEQ agreed to correct that error when providing feedback on the FS Report. By way of this letter, ADEQ is correcting that error.

ADEQ has determined that the FS Report meets the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes 49-287.03 and Arizona Administrative Code R18-16-407 and therefore ADEQ is approving the WVBWG's FS Report.

Please be aware, though, that because competing State-wide budget priorities have resulted in the continued underfunding of WQARF, ADEQ will be discontinuing all discretionary work on the WVB WQARF site at this time. Should funding levels change, ADEQ will of course reevaluate this decision.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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