

Public Notice for French Gulch TMDLs

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), in accordance with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, is in the process of developing Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) analyses for French Gulch in the Middle Gila Watershed. These TMDL analyses are being developed for cadmium, copper, and zinc.

A TMDL analysis defines the total amount of a particular constituent or pollutant which can be introduced to a water body without causing an exceedence of state surface water quality standards. The TMDL process enlists the participation of stakeholder group and other interested parties to assist in identifying possible sources of pollution, to assign loads or "shares" of those pollutants to facilities (point sources) and landowners or land managers (nonpoint sources), and to identify the most reasonable measures that should be implemented in order for the stream to achieve surface water quality standards.

ADEQ will release a draft version of these TMDLs on March 18, 2005, and will accept written comments until 5:00 pm (MST) on April 16, 2005. Written comments should be sent to:

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This TMDL may be reviewed at the following locations:

- ADEQ library (first floor) 1110 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007
- Wilhoit Public Library, 9325 Donegal Dr., Suite B, Wilhoit, Arizona 86332 (928) 412-3611
- (from the Department's Website)
<http://www.azdeq.gov/enviro/water/assessment/status.html>

You may also obtain a copy of the draft TMDL by contacting ADEQ's TMDL Unit (Danese Cameron) at 1-800-234-5677, ext. 771-4569 (inside Arizona only) or (602) 771-4569.

Responses to written comments received during the public comment period will be addressed and summarized in a public notice in the Arizona Administrative Register during the month of April, 2005. Depending on the number of issues and the substance of the written public comments received, ADEQ may hold public meetings as part of this public participation process.

If you have further questions about these TMDLs, please contact the project manager, Patsy Arias at 1-800-234-5677, ext. 771-4521 (inside Arizona only) or (602) 771-4521.