

## Public Notice for Tonto Creek 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 Tonto Creek in the Salt River Watershed. These TMDL analyses are being developed for nitrogen for two segments extending from the headwaters to Haigler Creek.

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.

After release of the first draft on February 17, 2005, ADEQ received additional data causing a change to the calculated loading. ADEQ will release a second draft version of the Tonto Creek TMDLs for Nitrogen on March 17, 2005, and will accept written comments until 5:00 pm (MST) on April 15, 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
- Payson Public Library, Payson, Arizona
- (from the Department's Website)  
<http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/water/assessment/status.html>

You may also obtain a copy of the draft TMDL by contacting ADEQ's HSA Section (Danese Cameron) at 1-800-234-5677, ext. 771-4569 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 May, 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, Robert Scalamera at 1-800-234-5677, ext. 771-4515 or (602) 771-4515.