

## Public Notice for Turkey Creek TMDL

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), in accordance with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, is in the process of developing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) analysis for Turkey Creek in the Middle Gila River Watershed. ADEQ has determined that Turkey Creek is impaired due to heavy metals contamination.

A TMDL defines the total amount of a particular constituent or pollutant which can be introduced into a water body without causing an exceedance of state surface water quality standards. The TMDL process enlists the participation of stakeholder groups 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 the Turkey Creek TMDL on April 13, 2006 and will accept written comments until 5:00 pm (MST) until May 12, 2006. 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, Arizona 85007 (602) 771-2300 or
- The ADEQ website (<http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/water/assessment/status.html>) and follow the "Draft TMDL Document" link under Turkey Creek

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 June, 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 the Turkey Creek TMDL, please contact the project manager, Jason Sutter at 1-800-234-5677, ext. 771-4468 (inside Arizona only) or (602) 771-4468.