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## Public Notice for Gila River TMDLs

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), in accordance with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, has developed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) analyses for two reaches of the Gila River in the Upper Gila River watershed near Safford and Duncan, Arizona. ADEQ and US EPA have determined that these reaches are impaired for *Escherichia coli* and suspended sediment concentration.

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 allocate loads of those pollutants in accordance with the objectives of the analysis, 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 Gila River TMDLs on January 12, 2011 and will accept written comments until 5:00 pm (MST) on February 11, 2011. Written comments should be sent to:

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or electronically mailed to: [mccarty.douglas@azdeq.gov](mailto:mccarty.douglas@azdeq.gov)

This TMDL may be reviewed at the following locations:

- ADEQ Records Center (first floor) 1110 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (602) 771-2300 or
- The ADEQ website (<http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/water/assessment/download/status.pdf>) and follow the "Draft TMDL Document" links under the Upper Gila Watershed section heading.

You may also obtain copies of the TMDLs by contacting ADEQ's Surface Water Section (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 March, 2011.

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

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