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## **Governor Ducey Proclaims Sept. 21-27 Pollution Prevention (P2) Week**

*ADEQ provides P2 resources for the public, schools, businesses, and municipalities to increase awareness and effect positive changes that support environmentally responsible economic growth.*

PHOENIX (September 15, 2015) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) officials announced today that Governor Douglas A. Ducey has designated the week of Sept. 21-27 by proclamation as P2 Week. ADEQ invites the general public, schools, local governments, and businesses to be a part of P2 Week by incorporating activities in your daily routine that reduce, reuse and recycle waste.

Governor Ducey noted that “National Pollution Prevention Week is an opportunity for government and the private sector to acknowledge the benefits of pollution prevention and work collaboratively toward a prosperous future.”

ADEQ encourages all Arizonans to support its mission of protecting and enhancing public health and the environment by getting involved in P2 Week and trying a few P2 activities that apply P2 principles and engaging neighbors and colleagues in the dialogue. ADEQ offers the following resources to help you make a positive impact:

- Visit the ADEQ interactive “P2 House” at <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/p2/house.html> for home pollution prevention tips.
- Check out ADEQ’s Arizona Children’s Environmental Health Program Tools for Schools at <https://www.azdeq.gov/ceh/tools.html>.
- Learn more about recycling at <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/solid/recycle.html>.
- Businesses and municipalities can be proactive and get recognized through ADEQ’s Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program at <https://www.azdeq.gov/vesp.html>.
- Help for rural communities through ADEQ’s Small Communities Environmental Compliance Assistance Program is found here <http://www.azdeq.gov/function/compliance/smallcomm.html>.
- Take the Food Recovery Challenge, visit <http://www.epa.gov/smm/foodrecovery/>.

ADEQ also will host free P2 webinars during P2 Week that showcase examples of successful strategies implemented by ADEQ P2 Program participants, which in addition to reducing pollution, increased efficiency and saved money.

“ADEQ is proud to host these free webinars that share valuable, real-world lessons and knowledge about how practicing pollution prevention can increase revenue and create significant cost savings through material and resource conservation and improved efficiency, not to mention lower risk, liability, disposal costs and regulatory burdens, all while facilitating environmental compliance,” said ADEQ Director Misael Cabrera.

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*Pollution Prevention Week (cont.)*

Arizona businesses meeting any one of three P2 thresholds are required to create and implement a plan to minimize the use of toxic substances and/or the generation of hazardous waste.

ADEQ encourages Arizona businesses and the interested public to register for the following free educational webinars:

- Tues., Sept. 22, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. MST  
P2 Webinar Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5057893494500977410>  
Presenters: Praxair Electronics Kingman, Luke Air Force Base and Freescale Semiconductor  
Topics: reducing electrical consumption and hazardous waste, groundwater ‘pump and treat’ alternatives, recycling, and conserving water
- Wed., Sept. 23, 2015 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. MST  
Webinar Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1899572732032862209>  
Presenters: Frito Lay, Arizona State University and Corning Gilbert  
Topics: clean transportation, water reuse, alternative energy, organic fertilizers, recycling, and waste reduction

Find out more about ADEQ’s P2 Program at <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/p2/programs.html>) and National Pollution Prevention Week by visiting: <http://www2.epa.gov/p2week>.

About ADEQ

Established by the Arizona Legislature under the Environmental Quality Act of 1986, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is the state agency for protecting and enhancing public health and the environment of Arizona.

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Douglas A. Ducey  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

**\* POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK \***

**WHEREAS**, Arizonans take great pride in the natural wonders of our State and want both a thriving economy and a clean, healthy environment for residents and tourists; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizonans support innovative, sustainable programs that promote and attract environmentally responsible economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, pollution prevention not only protects the quality of our air, water and land, but also cultivates water conservation, energy efficiency and other best practices that improve our standard of living; and

**WHEREAS**, a science-driven pollution prevention program decreases adverse impacts to the health of Arizona's children, public and environment; and

**WHEREAS**, investments in pollution prevention, by means of reducing waste, reusing materials, and recycling, promote environmental stewardship, which improves operational efficiency, saves businesses and taxpayers money and protects our natural resources for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, focusing attention on how pollution prevention enhances efficiency and innovation, the State of Arizona will be better positioned to take actions to meet the challenges of global economic competitiveness; and

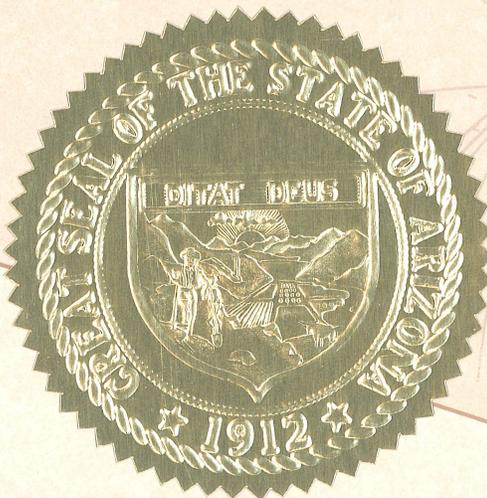
**WHEREAS**, National Pollution Prevention Week is an opportunity for government and the private sector to acknowledge the benefits of pollution prevention and work collaboratively to a prosperous future.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 21 – 27, 2015 as

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and I further urge all applicable state agencies, businesses and citizens of Arizona to make pollution prevention a priority in our State.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



*Douglas A. Ducey*  
GOVERNOR

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirty-first day of August in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

**ATTEST:**

*Michelle Reagan*

Secretary of State