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## **PUBLIC NOTICE DRAFT POST-CLOSURE PERMIT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA PAGE TROWBRIDGE RANCH LANDFILL**

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is providing the public this notice that it has prepared a Draft Permit renewal for the University of Arizona (UA) Page Trowbridge Ranch hazardous waste landfill (PTRL). The PTRL is located north of Highway 77; approximately three miles east of Oracle Junction, seven miles west of Oracle, and 30 miles north of Tucson (see Figure below). This notice announces the beginning of the public comment period for the Draft Permit renewal.

The PTRL was closed in 1997. The Draft Permit renewal will allow the PTRL to continue to perform post-closure monitoring, including inspections, site maintenance, and periodic groundwater and soil vapor sampling, in accordance with Arizona rules established to protect human health and the environment. Upon reissuance, the Permit would be effective for ten (10) years.

The UA used the PTRL to dispose of low-level radioactive material and chemical waste generated at the UA, Northern Arizona University, Arizona State University, and Veterans Hospital in Tucson from the early 1960s through 1986. Chemical waste primarily consisted of solvents, ignitables, acids, bases, heavy metals, pesticides, and photographic compounds. The PTRL occupies a total of 3.25 acres and consists of two units: Area A (200 ft by 200 ft) and Area B (200 ft by 500 ft). Individual cells (pits) within the units were approximately 15 ft deep.

As part of the 1997 PTRL closure, a clay, earth, and vegetative grass final cover system was constructed over each unit in order to prevent percolation of precipitation. Culverts and storm water channels were installed to divert rainwater from the site. For security, the PTRL is surrounded by a six-foot-high chain-link fence topped with barbed wire. Groundwater and soil vapors are regularly sampled in order to detect any releases.

**The public comment period opens on May 6, 2012 and closes on June 21, 2012.** During that period, any person may submit written comments and supporting materials on the appropriateness of the Draft Permit renewal or its permit condition(s), or request a public hearing. These must be delivered or postmarked by the last day of the public comment period to the ADEQ contact (see below). All comments will be considered, and each person who has submitted comments, or makes a specific request, will receive a notice of the final permit decision with procedures for appealing the decision, and a response to all comments received. A public hearing may be held if the Director determines that there is substantial public interest in the Draft Permit, and that the public hearing will serve to clarify issues concerning the Draft Permit. Requests for a public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the hearing. If a public hearing is to be held, a public notice stating the date, time and place of the hearing will be made at least 30 days before the hearing.

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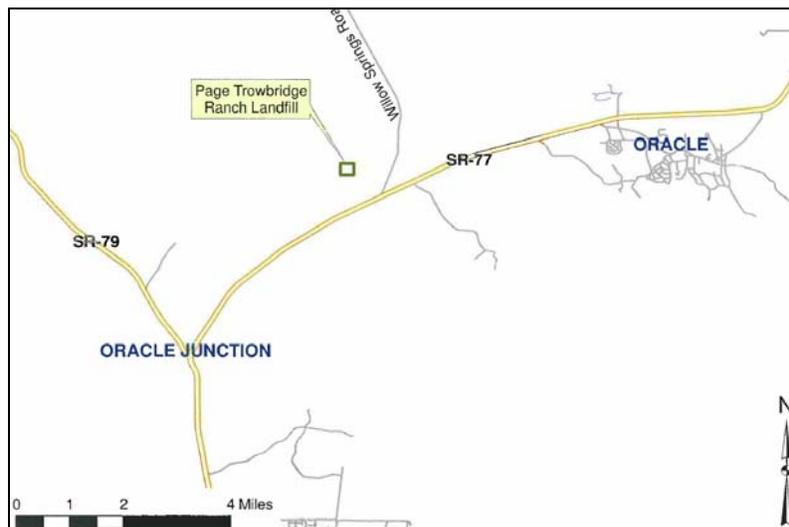
The public notice and related documentation are available for public review, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the [ADEQ Records Center](#), 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. In Phoenix, please call (602) 771-4380, outside of the area please call (800) 234-5677 extension 7714380, or e-mail [recordscenter@azdeq.gov](mailto:recordscenter@azdeq.gov) 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment to review the file.

A copy of the Draft Permit renewal and related documents are also available for public inspection at the Oracle Public Library, 565 E. American Ave., Oracle 85623, on Monday, Thursday and Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Note that hours may vary depending on volunteers, so please call 520-896-2121 beforehand. It is also available at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave., Tucson 85701, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.

ADEQ invites all interested persons to submit written comments concerning the draft permit. **All comments must be submitted to ADEQ and post-marked by the close of the public comment period, June 21, 2012.** Submit your comments to the ADEQ contact:

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Phone: (602) 771-4160 (in Phoenix)  
1-800-234-5677, extension 7714160 (outside of Phoenix)

If you would like to be placed on a mailing list for permit activity please call or write ADEQ at contact above. A copy of the Fact Sheet for the Draft Permit renewal is also available at the above contact or by visiting [ADEQ Hazardous Waste Management: Permits](#) at: <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/hazwaste/permits.html>. Please bring this notice to the attention of anybody who might be interested in this matter.



**Figure - Location of the UA Page Trowbridge Ranch Landfill**