

TITLE 18. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAPTER 9. WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
ARTICLE 3. AQUIFER PROTECTION PERMITS - GENERAL PERMITS
PART A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

R18-9-A306. Closure

- A.** To satisfy the requirements under A.R.S. § 49-252, a permittee shall close a facility authorized to discharge under a general permit as follows:
1. If the discharge is authorized under a Type 1.01 through 1.08, 1.10, 1.11, 2.05, 2.06, or 4.01 General Permit, closure notification is unnecessary and clean closure is met when:
 - a. The permittee removes material that may contribute to a continued discharge; and
 - b. The permittee eliminates, to the greatest degree practical, any reasonable probability of further discharge from the facility and of exceeding any Aquifer Water Quality Standard at the applicable point of compliance;
 2. For a discharge authorized under a Type 2.02, 3.02, 3.05 through 3.07, or 4.23 General Permit, the facility meets clean closure requirements if the permittee provides notice and submits sufficient information for the Department to determine that:
 - a. Any material that may contribute to a continued discharge is removed;
 - b. The permittee has eliminated to the greatest degree practicable any reasonable probability of further discharge from the facility and of exceeding any Aquifer Water Quality Standard at the applicable point of compliance; and
 - c. Closure requirements, if any, established in the general permit are met;
 4. If the discharge is from an on-site wastewater treatment facility authorized under a Type 1.09 or 4.02 through 4.22 General Permit, the permittee shall comply with the closure requirements in R18-9-A309(D); and
 5. If the discharge is from a sewage treatment facility authorized under a Type 1.09 General Permit, the permittee shall comply with the closure requirements under subsection (A)(1).
- B.** For a facility operating under a general permit and located at a site where an individual area-wide permit has been issued, a permittee may defer some or all closure activities required by this subsection if the Director approves the deferral in writing. The permittee shall complete closure activities no later than the date that closure activities identified in the individual area-wide permit are performed.

R18-9-A309. General Provisions for On-site Wastewater Treatment Facilities

- D.** Closure requirements. A person who permanently discontinues use of an on-site wastewater treatment facility or a cesspool, or is ordered by the Director to close an abandoned facility shall:
1. Remove all sewage from the facility and dispose of the sewage in a lawful manner;
 2. Disconnect and remove electrical and mechanical components;
 3. Remove or collapse the top of any tank or containment structure.
 - a. Punch a hole in the bottom of the tank or containment structure if the bottom is below the seasonal high groundwater table;
 - b. Fill the tank or containment structure or any cavity resulting from its removal with earth, sand, gravel, concrete, or other approved material; and
 - c. Regrade the surface to provide drainage away from the closed area;
 4. Cut and plug both ends of the abandoned sewer drain pipe between the building and the on-site wastewater treatment facility not more than 5 feet outside the building foundation if practical, or cut and plug as close to each end as possible; and
 5. Notify the Department within 30 days of closure.