

**ARIZONA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
GENERAL PERMIT FOR MINOR DISCHARGES OF DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TO WATERS OF THE
UNITED STATES (GENERAL PERMIT FOR MINOR WWTPS)
AZGP2012-002**

**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS
(A.A.C. R18-9-A908(E)(2))
July 20, 2012**

Administrative Record

On December 16, 2010, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ or Department) proposed several new Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) general permits as potential alternatives to individual AZPDES permits for eligible classes of facilities with point source discharges to Waters of the United States. On January 13, 2011, the Department presented the initial drafts of two new AZPDES general permits, including the General Permit for Minor WWTPs, for stakeholder review and discussion. The Department held two additional informal stakeholder meetings to review and discuss the revised drafts of the two general permits on January 27 and March 24, 2011.

The Fact Sheet (the supporting document that describes the permit's scope and rationale for coverage) sets forth the basis for permit conditions to be applied statewide through issuance of the new AZPDES General Permit for Minor WWTPs.

On November 25, 2011, the public notice for the General Permit for Minor WWTPs (AZGP2012-002) was published in the Arizona Administrative Register. The Public Comment period closed on December 26, 2011.

One comment was received on the public noticed draft permit from the Salt River Project.

No change was made to the permit in response to the comment from the Salt River Project. ADEQ made minor changes to the final permit and fact sheet for purposes of clarification regarding fees, monitoring requirements, and establishing additional limits. Finally, several minor corrections were made to the permit, fact sheet and appendices pertaining to formatting, punctuation, spelling and cross-references.

General

Information regarding fees was moved from page 2 of the permit to Part III. A reference to the fee rules was added to Part IX.B.

Part IV.B was revised to clarify how ADEQ will determine if additional limits will be added to the DAC.

A footnote was added to Tables 3 and 4.c in Part IV to clarify the monitoring frequencies.

Part VII.E was revised to clarify Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) follow-up testing requirements for intermittent discharges.

Salt River Project Comment

Comment 1: Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing

The proposed general permit does not specifically identify, by designated uses, the types of receiving waters that are subject to WET monitoring. WET monitoring should only be required if discharging treated effluent to receiving waters that have designated uses of Aquatic and Wildlife warm water fishery (A&Ww), Aquatic and Wildlife cold water fishery (A&Wc), or Aquatic and Wildlife effluent dominated water (A&Wedw).

Response 1

ADEQ agrees. This general permit only applies to discharges to surface waters with the designated uses of Partial-body contact and A&Wedw or Aquatic and Wildlife ephemeral (A&We), and the designated use of A&Wedw is always applied to discharges to ephemeral waters. Because all of the receiving waters will have A&Wedw designated uses applied, WET monitoring will be required for all discharges. Therefore, no change to the permit is necessary.

No changes were made to the permit in response to this comment.