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## **ADEQ Issues Permit to City of Page for Expanded Wastewater Treatment Plant**

PHOENIX (Jan. 8, 2009) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director Steve Owens announced today that ADEQ has issued a permit amendment for the City of Page to increase the amount of treated wastewater from its wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) that is reclaimed for irrigation.

“The City of Page has a modern wastewater treatment plant capable of producing high quality effluent and this important revision to the permit will ensure that the treated wastewater has a safe place to go,” Director Owens said. “It also ensures that the plant will have the capacity to meet the requirements of this growing city.”

The WWTP can treat up to 2 million gallons per day, but the City needed the ability to reuse the same amount of treated water. Late last year, the City informed ADEQ that it had increased its irrigation acreage from 153.14 acres to 335.78 acres, which is enough land and turf to accept the volume of treated water from the WWTP at full build out.

The permit, known as an Aquifer Protection Permit (APP), regulates the operation of the WWTP. The amended APP requires the City to use the best available technology to reduce discharge of pollutants and to meet aquifer water quality standards.