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ADEQ Director Grumbles Announces Public Comment Period for Cleanup Activities at West Van Buren State Superfund Site

PHOENIX (March 2, 2010) -- Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director Benjamin Grumbles announced today that a 30-day public comment period will begin March 8 concerning groundwater cleanup activities at ADEQ's West Van Buren state superfund site.

The decision was made following Roosevelt Irrigation District's request to have its water wells located within the state superfund site area cleaned up more rapidly for the district's future use.

The state superfund location, known as the West Van Buren Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) site, is bounded by Interstate 10 to the north, Buckeye Road to the south, 7th Avenue to the east and 75th Avenue to the west. Contaminants in the water include tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE) and chromium.

The public comment period will end April 6. ADEQ will host a public meeting at 6 p.m. on March 23 at Room 3175 in its central Phoenix location, 1110 W. Washington Street. Those wanting to provide comments may attend the public meeting and submit oral comments or may make such submittals in writing to ADEQ, Attention: Jennifer Edwards Thies, WQARF Unit Manager, 1110 W. Washington Street, 4415B-1, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

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