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ADEQ Renews, Improves Stormwater Construction Permit that will Streamline Monitoring, Provide Inspection Form

PHOENIX (June 7, 2013) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that a revised stormwater construction general permit is available which will streamline the process of water quality monitoring and provide a standardized site inspection form.

The permit is required under the federal Clean Water Act, and as part of the Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program, for stormwater discharges from construction activities that disturb one acre or more. The permit is also required for construction sites less than one acre if they are part of a larger, common plan of development.

“We are continuously looking for ways to reduce unnecessary and time-consuming red tape, while maintaining the same or higher level of environmental protection,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. “This improved stormwater permit is another example of how our agency is reaching that goal.”

One new aspect of the permit allows for submittal of a notice of termination if a demonstration can be made that stormwater discharges from the site don’t result in additional pollution from construction activity.

Documents about the permit, which became effective on June 3, are available at: <http://www.azdeq.gov/envIRON/water/permits/cgp.html> . To obtain a permit, a paper Notice of Intent (NOI) form can be submitted or the NOI form can be submitted electronically at: <https://az.gov/app/smartnoi/> .

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