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EPA Announces Research Strategy to Study Nanomaterials

Many nanomaterials are regarded as "chemical substances" under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This law provides EPA with a strong framework for ensuring that new and existing chemical substances are manufactured and used in a manner that protects against unreasonable risks to human health and the environment.

[What is Nanotechnology?](#)

[Questions about Nanotechnology](#)

[Nanotechnology under the Toxic Substances Control Act](#)



De Minimis General Permit

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) De Minimis General Permit expired on March 17, 2009. As a result, previously existing coverage has been "administratively continued" until the issuance of a new general permit. Since the expiration, ADEQ has posted a proposed draft, accepted informal comment, re-issued a new draft, held a formal comment/informational meeting, and solicited formal comment. ADEQ's goal is to finalize this permit in the near future. Once the new permit is issued, those discharging pursuant to this coverage must file a new NOI to acquire necessary coverage.



[De Minimis General Permit Fact Sheet](#)

[Learn more about Arizona De Minimis General Permit](#)

EPA Recognizes Tempe for Smart Growth Achievements

U.S. EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson recognized Tempe and three other communities that are models of how to grow in ways that protect our nation's air, land, and water; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; provide safe and affordable housing; and strengthen local economies.



The City of Tempe is being honored for the Tempe Transportation Center. The Tempe Transportation Center is a model for sustainable design, a mixed-use regional transportation hub that incorporates innovative and green building elements tailored to the Southwest desert environment. The Tempe Transportation Center is a multi-modal facility that integrates a light rail stop, the main city bus station, and paths for bicyclists and pedestrians.

[More information on the winners and EPA's Smart Growth Program](#)

[Information on the Partnership for Sustainable Communities](#)

[What is Smart Growth?](#)

