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Out with the Old in with the NEW

ADEQ New Rules for Comment

The Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) was released for Public Notification November 29, 2018. The draft, a crosswalk of the changes, and fact sheets are available for review [online](#). Comments will be accepted by ADEQ through January 7, 2019 at 5 p.m. As part of ADEQ's effort to continuously improve products and services, they are providing a [tool](#) to help streamline the submittal and processing of formal comments on the proposed MSGP for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities.

ADEQ is also accepting informal comments on the draft Construction General Permit (CGP). Informal comments will be accepted through February 1, 2019. Based on comments received, ADEQ will assess the need for additional stakeholder discussions before concluding the informal comment process. Once the informal comment process is complete, a Public Notification of draft CGP permit will be published in the Arizona Administrative Register. For notification subscribe to ADEQ's CGP [gov.delivery](#) distribution list.

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EPA and Army Propose New "Waters of the United States" Definition

On December 11, 2018 the EPA and Department of Army released a proposal for the new Waters of the United States definition. This new definition will impact the implementation of both ADEQ permits mentioned above. The EPA and Army believe this proposed definition appropriately identifies waters that should be subject to regulation under the Clean Water Act while respecting the role of states and tribes in managing their own land and water resources.

The agencies will take comment on the proposal for 60 days after publication in the Federal Register. EPA and the Army will also hold an informational webcast on January 10, 2019 and will host a listening session on the proposed rule on January 23, 2019.

More information including a pre-publication version of the Federal Register notice, the supporting analyses and fact sheets are available at: <https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule>.

If you notice anything other than stormwater running in the street or to a catch basin please report it [online](#) or call 480-350-4311, we will investigate and educate the discharger.

Preventive measures or best management practices (BMP's) reduce materials to stormwater exposure thereby limiting the amounts of pollutants available to be picked up by storm water. Be Stormwater Smart and assist Tempe in reducing pollutants in stormwater runoff see www.tempe.gov/stormwater and remember...

Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!!

