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Dear Interested Stakeholder:

Subject: Revision of Pima County Portion of State Implementation Plan

The Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) is proposing revisions to the Pima County portion of the Arizona State Implementation Plan (SIP). These revisions are in response to two Final Rule publications by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. PDEQ will be holding a stakeholders' meeting to discuss the proposed revisions and obtain feedback from our stakeholders. You are invited to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion of the proposed revisions. Information regarding this revision may be viewed on our website at <http://www.deq.pima.gov/air/SIPRevisions.htm>. Copies are also available at our office, or may be requested via e-mail sarah.walters@pima.gov. Questions and/or comments may be directed to:

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The stakeholders meeting will be held at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library as follows:

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2013
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Joel D. Valdez Main Library, Lower Level Meeting Room
101 N Stone Avenue, Lower Level
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Thank you for taking an active part in the rulemaking process.

If you would like to be removed from this notification or would like to receive notices by e-mail, please call (520) 724-7437 or e-mail sarah.walters@pima.gov.

Sincerely,

Sarah L. Walters, Regulatory Program Manager
Enclosure: Summary of Revisions to Pima County portion of Arizona SIP

Summary of Revisions to the Pima County Portion of the Arizona State Implementation Plan

On November 5, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published two actions pertaining to Pima County in the Federal Register (FR) regarding the Arizona State Implementation Plan (SIP). A State Implementation Plan is a federally approved and enforceable plan by which the state identifies how it will meet and/or maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The EPA determined that there are three rules required for an infrastructure SIP that are not currently in the Pima County portion of the Arizona SIP. These rules are already in place in Pima County Code (PCC), but need to be submitted to the EPA through the formal SIP public process. In response to the EPA actions published in the FR, PDEQ is proposing to submit PCC 17.04.190, PCC 17.12.040, and PCC 17.24.040 for incorporation into the Arizona SIP.

Pima County is holding a stakeholders meeting to educate the public regarding the Pima County portion of the SIP and inform the public of the proposed revisions to the SIP.

One of the areas of the SIP pertaining to Pima County in which EPA found a “gap” was regarding the composition of the Pima County Air Quality Hearing Board. This rule is already in PCC (17.04.190) and assures that at least a majority of members of the hearing board who represent the public interest do not derive any significant portion of their income from persons subject to permits and enforcement orders.

The other two SIP “gap” areas highlighted by EPA are titled “Reporting for Compliance Evaluations” and “Reporting Requirements” and pertain to requirements related to complying with air quality permits. These two provisions have gone through the PCC public process in the past and are in PCC (17.24.040 and 17.12.040). In addition to the stakeholders meeting, PDEQ will be providing the opportunity for the public to comment on the regulations and attend a public hearing. The public comment period and the public hearing will satisfy the EPA’s requirements for SIP submittals.

We look forward to your participation in the stakeholder meeting and the SIP revision process.