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Dear Stakeholder:

The draft TMDLs for suspended sediment concentration and *E. coli* on the Upper Gila River have been completed. Please join the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) for an Upper Gila River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) public meeting on Wednesday April 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Graham County General Services Building Assembly Room.

Meeting Essentials

What: Upper Gila River TMDL Public Meeting

Who: Stakeholders and interested parties

When: April 8, 2009 – 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Graham County General Services Building Assembly Room,
921 Thatcher Boulevard, Safford AZ, 85546

ADEQ has conducted a TMDL study for two reaches of the upper Gila River to investigate the sources and critical conditions contributing to exceedances of selenium, *Escherichia coli*, and bottom deposits surface water quality standards established to protect the designated uses of the Gila River. A TMDL is the determination of the maximum pollutant loading a waterbody can maintain and still meet surface water quality standards. Using the results of this investigation, the agency will work with stakeholders to identify appropriate, affordable, and effective actions necessary to improve water quality and develop a plan to implement these actions.

At this meeting, ADEQ will discuss results of the investigation and reductions called for to attain water quality standards. Suggested best management practice implementations will also be addressed. We encourage interest and participation from stakeholders. We look forward to your input on these discussions.

Further information and the meeting notice will be posted on ADEQ's website at www.adeq.state.az.us/cgi-bin/vertical.pl. For questions and additional information, please contact Kasha Steinke at (602) 771-4243 (ks10@azdeq.gov) or Doug McCarty at (602) 771-4521 (dm4@azdeq.gov).

Directions to Meeting – From U.S. 70 (Thatcher Blvd) in Safford, proceed to the southwest corner of 9th Avenue and Thatcher. The meeting will be held in the Graham County General Services Building Assembly Room.

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