

**NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY DECISION TO ISSUE AN INDIVIDUAL
AQUIFER PROTECTION PERMIT SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT**

Public Notice No.: 10-10

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Pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 9, Article 1, the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality intends to issue a significant amendment to an individual Aquifer Protection Permit to the following applicant(s):

Forest Highlands Water Reclamation Company
Attn: Mr. Bill Strauss, Director of Public Works
658 Forest Highlands
Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Forest Highlands Water Reclamation Facility
Significant Amendment to Aquifer Protection Permit No. 100273

The Forest Highlands Water Reclamation Company is authorized to operate the Forest Highlands Water Reclamation Facility (WRF), with an average design flow of 0.18 million gallons per day (mgd), and an expanded treatment capacity of 0.21 mgd during peak holiday periods. The WRF is designed to treat flows from single-family residential dwellings and the golf course clubhouses. The treatment process consists of extended aeration, clarification, filtration, and disinfection (chlorination). Storage of reclaimed water is accomplished in three ways: pumped to an on-site eight-million-gallon above-ground steel storage tank; pumped to an existing wetland pond at Kachina Village (regulated under Aquifer Protection Permit #P-100362); or pumped to an on-site lined effluent storage pond. There is also a lined emergency overflow pond on-site for storage of influent or effluent in emergency situations. Sludge produced by the treatment process is removed off-site to an approved landfill. The reclaimed water may be used for beneficial purposes under a valid reclaimed water permit (A.A.C. R18-9, Article 7).

The permittee requested to amend the APP due to the addition of a new on-site effluent storage pond. During the permit amendment process it was discovered that an existing on-site emergency overflow pond was not covered in the previous permit, and therefore this amendment incorporates this pond into the permit.

With 24-hour notice, a draft permit with related documentation is available for public review, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the ADEQ Records Management Center, 1110 West Washington Street, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Persons may submit comments or requests for a public hearing on the proposed action, in writing, to Marcy Mullins, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 1110 W. Washington Street, MC 5415B-3, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. A public hearing request must include the reason for such request.