



Public Notice

Air Quality Proposed Rulemaking

Public Comment Period & Oral Proceeding

Pinal County Air Quality proposes that the Board of Supervisors amend existing rules pertaining to air quality control. A formal notice, including the full text of the proposed revisions, will be available in the August 28, 2015 edition of the Arizona Administrative Register, which is available on-line at www.azsos.gov. The ultimate purpose of this proposed rulemaking will be the submittal of the adopted rules through ADEQ to EPA, for inclusion as elements of the Arizona State Implementation Plan (SIP) as required under the Clean Air Act.

Ongoing violations of the PM₁₀ (Particulate Matter 10 microns and smaller) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) in Pinal County resulted in an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) redesignation from attainment to nonattainment for a large portion of central and western Pinal County. A requirement of the redesignation is the development of a State Implementation Plan (SIP). The plan includes identification of the problem (i.e. emissions inventory) and a solution to the problem (i.e. rules). The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) in coordination with Pinal County Air Quality developed a PM₁₀ emissions inventory for the West Pinal PM₁₀ Nonattainment Area. The top three emissions sources in the base year PM₁₀ emissions inventory are windblown dust (53%), unpaved roads (32%) and construction (9%). This proposed rulemaking addresses the construction fugitive dust emissions associated with development activities.

This proposed rulemaking will include a stakeholder meeting (September 1, 2015, 1 p.m., 31 N. Pinal St., Building F., Ocotillo Room, Florence, AZ.), a 30 day public comment period and a Control Officer Oral Proceeding. The Control Officer Oral Proceeding will be held on September 28, 2015 at 1 p.m. in the Ocotillo Room located at 31 N. Pinal St., Building F, Florence, AZ.

Written or oral public comments are due before the close of business on September 28, 2015. Copies of the proposal, and additional information, are available from Pinal County Air Quality, 31 North Pinal Street, Florence, AZ. 85132, or by calling 520-866-6929 or online at <http://www.pinalcountyyaz.gov/AirQuality/Pages/Rulemaking.aspx>.

The final step in the rulemaking process will be a Pinal County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing. The public hearing will be separately scheduled and publicly noticed.