



**Public Notice**

**Proposed Rulemaking**

**Board of Supervisors Public Hearing**

Pinal County Air Quality proposes that the Board of Supervisors amend existing rules pertaining to air quality control. The ultimate purpose of this rulemaking proposal 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 PM<sub>10</sub> (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 (West Pinal PM<sub>10</sub> Nonattainment Area). A requirement of the redesignation is the development of a State Implementation Plan (SIP). The plan includes identification (i.e. emissions inventory) and solutions (i.e. rules) to the problem. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) in coordination with Pinal County Air Quality developed a PM<sub>10</sub> emissions inventory for the West Pinal PM<sub>10</sub> Nonattainment Area. The top three emissions sources in the base year PM<sub>10</sub> emissions inventory are windblown dust (53%), unpaved roads (32%) and construction (9%). This rulemaking proposal addresses the general fugitive dust emissions associated with windblown dust, unpaved and paved roads.

Given the obligatory nature of this rulemaking proposal, it has followed the rulemaking process defined in A.R.S. §§49-112.D and 49-471. The combined notice of proposed rulemaking and oral proceeding was published in the Arizona Administrative Register (AAR) on August 28, 2015 (found online at [www.azsos.gov](http://www.azsos.gov)) which started the official 30-day public comment period (which ends at the close of business on September 28, 2015). The Oral Proceeding will take place at 10 a.m. on September 28, 2015 in the Ocotillo room of Building F of the county complex located at 31 N. Pinal St., Florence, AZ.). The oral proceeding provides a formal opportunity for the public to make comments on the rulemaking proposal to the Pinal County Air Quality Control Officer. The rulemaking proposal along with a summary of any comments received will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for consideration and possible adoption. The date, time and location of the Board of Supervisors public hearing-of-adoption is October 28, 2015, 9:30 a.m. at the Pinal County Administrative Complex, Board of Supervisors Hearing Room located at 135 N. Pinal Street, Florence, AZ. 85132.

The agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 28, 2015 can be found online at <http://pinalcountyaz.gov/bos/Pages/AngendaMinutes.aspx>.