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Public Notice for Oak Creek and Spring Creek *Escherichia coli* TMDLs

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), in accordance with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, has developed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) analyses for five segments of Oak Creek and one segment of Spring Creek in the Verde River watershed near Sedona. ADEQ has determined that these reaches are impaired for *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*).

A TMDL defines the total amount of a particular constituent or pollutant which can be introduced into a water body without causing an exceedance of state surface water quality standards. The TMDL process enlists the participation of stakeholder groups and other interested parties to assist in identifying possible sources of pollution, to allocate loads of those pollutants in accordance with the objectives of the analysis, and to identify the most reasonable measures that should be implemented in order for the stream to achieve surface water quality standards.

ADEQ will release a draft version of the Oak Creek and Spring Creek TMDLs on June 23, 2010 and will accept written comments until 5:00 pm (MST) on July 23, 2010. Written comments should be sent to:

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The TMDL may be reviewed at the following locations:

- ADEQ Records Center (first floor) 1110 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (602) 771-2300 or
- ADEQ website (<http://www.azdeq.gov/enviro/water/assessment/download/status-6-21-10.pdf>) "Draft 2010 TMDL Document" link under Oak Creek.

You may also obtain copies of the TMDLs by contacting ADEQ's Surface Water Section (Danese Cameron) at 1-800-234-5677, ext. 771-4569 (inside Arizona only) or (602) 771-4569. Responses to written comments received during the public comment period will be addressed and summarized in a public notice in the Arizona Administrative Register during the month of August, 2010.

If you have further questions about the Oak Creek and Spring Creek TMDLs, please contact the project manager, Jason Sutter at 1-800-234-5677, ext. 771-4468 (inside Arizona only) or (602) 771-4468.

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