



Briefing Notification to County Manager

Prepared by the Maricopa County Air Quality Department



Case #/Title: AQ-2013-005-New Source Review

Supervisor Districts: All Districts

Overview: New Source Review (NSR) is a preconstruction permitting program for major sources (also called "Title V") and minor sources (also called "Non-Title V"). To address the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) concerns that permitting thresholds do not protect national ambient air quality standards, the following rules are being proposed for revision: Rule 100 (General Provisions and Definitions), Rule 200 (Permit Requirements), Rule 210 (Title V Permit Provisions), Rule 220 (Non-Title V Permit Provisions), Rule 240 (Permit Requirements For New Major Sources and Major Modifications to Existing Major Sources), and Rule 241 (Permits for New Sources and Modifications to Existing Sources). One of the proposed revisions is a new type of permit - a "registration permit" - to which sources with low emissions could apply. The "registration permit" is intended to be a more streamlined permit for sources, while still protecting air quality standards for the public.

The department anticipates significant stakeholder involvement, as there are more than 1,500 Title V and Non-Title V sources that could be affected by the proposed rule revisions. Industries and associations most likely to participate include Arizona Utility Group, El Paso Natural Gas, Asarco, and Arizona Mining Association.

Next Steps: Tentative County stakeholder workshop/public workshop – February 28, 2013.

Tentative Board of Health public meeting to initiate regulatory change – July 22, 2013.

Rulemaking will follow Enhanced Regulatory Outreach policy and workflow process.