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1. **SPS Subject:**
   The purpose of this SPS is to clarify the Water and Waste Management Division’s administrative procedure, for an owner who begins construction of a facility where a permit is required without first obtaining the permit, to avoid legal action by submitting an application for a permit through an expedited process.

2. **Statutory Overview:**
   Maricopa County Environmental Health Code (MCEHC)

3. **SPS:**
   The Department issues this SPS to notify the public of the Department’s interpretation of MCEHC, Chapter 1, Regulation 4(e) and Regulation 5(c), and to clarify that the Water and Waste Management Division will allow an owner who begins construction of a facility where a permit is required without first obtaining the permit to submit a request for a permit using the Department’s expedited process, to allow the owner to come into compliance with the Department’s requirements in an expedited manner to ensure protection of public health and safety, in lieu of the Department taking legal action.

4. **SPS Effective Date:**
   July 1, 2012

5. **SPS New Document/Revision Statement:**
   SPS-WW-2012-001 is a new SPS.

6. **Contact Us:**
   For questions or comments regarding this SPS or to obtain a copy of this document, please contact the Department Records Custodian at the address and/or phone number above.