

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Town of Huachuca City Effluent Recharge Project

We are advising the public that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 has prepared a revised draft environmental assessment (EA) and a draft finding of no significant impact (FONSI) relative to the Town of Huachuca City's (Town) proposed effluent recharge project. EPA did not identify any significant impacts to the environment that would result from implementation of the proposed project.

Since 2002, the Town has been required to upgrade its sewage treatment facilities in order to comply with the as requirements for its Aquifer Protection Permit, required by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). The Town is proposing to construct and operate a new municipal wastewater treatment holding pond and approximately 600 feet of gravity flow pipeline, which will complete the connection to the Fort of Huachuca's (Fort) existing wastewater treatment conveyance system. The Town's pipeline will connect to Fort Huachuca's (Fort) existing force main and lift stations. The Town's effluent will be conveyed to the Fort's wastewater treatment plant for treatment with discharge at the Fort's East Range Recharge Facility.

EPA Region 9 is considering authorizing the award of a Special Appropriation grant to the Town for the construction of the proposed effluent recharge project. Prior to taking action on the grant, EPA Region 9 is accepting comments from the public on the draft EA and unsigned FONSI until June 6, 2011. Notice of the public comment period, the draft EA, and the unsigned FONSI will be posted on EPA's website at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/nepa/epa-generated/huachuca/>

The EA and unsigned FONSI are also available for public review at the offices of EPA Region 9 and at the address provided below. To make an appointment to review the documents at this location, contact Elizabeth Borowiec.

Comments should be submitted to EPA and can be sent via letter, fax, or email to:

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EPA will take no administrative action on this project during the comment period.