

**Public Notice for the
United States Environmental Protection Agency**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 intends to award a grant to the Town of Chino Valley in accordance with the in accordance with the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

EPA Region 9's authorization to use grant funds for the proposed design project is a federal action requiring compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 USC §§4321- 4370f. In accordance with NEPA, Council of Environmental Quality Regulations at 40 CFR §§1500.1–1508.28, and EPA NEPA regulations at 40 CFR Part 6, EPA Region 9 has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) describing the potential environmental impacts associated with, and the alternatives to, the proposed project. This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) documents EPA Region 9's decision that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The Town of Chino Valley proposes to add new water main pipelines to create loops in the water distribution system, improving water service reliability and redundancy and reducing the resources needed to maintain acceptable water quality. A looped drinking water distribution system consists of connected pipe loops throughout the area to be served. The project would be implemented in two phases. Phase I would create a water system loop in the northern section of the water distribution system by installing approximately 4,554 linear feet (LF) of 12-inch water main from the existing terminus at Perkinsville Road to the 12-inch water main at Road 2 North. Phase II would create another loop in the water distribution system by installing approximately 2,448 LF of 12-inch water main from the abovementioned connection point at Road 2 North to Production, Storage, and Pressure Facility No. 1.

Any comments regarding the findings of the EA and FONSI may be submitted in writing no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this notice. Comments should be sent to Howard Kahan, EPA Region 9, Tribal Water Office (WTR-3-4), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94015-3901 or by e-mail at kahan.howard@epa.gov. EPA will fully consider and respond to any substantive comments before taking final action.

The EA and draft FONSI will be posted on the EPA website at:

<https://www.epa.gov/az/town-chino-valley-municipal-water-system-improvement-project-fonsi-and-ea>

To obtain additional information about the project, please contact Howard Kahan by email at kahan.howard@epa.gov or by calling (415) 972-3143.