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Community Information for the Proposed Decision to Revise Permit Conditions for the Evoqua Water Technologies LLC Facility Near Parker, Arizona

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Current Status

The Evoqua facility is located on the Colorado River Indian Reservation near Parker, Arizona, and houses a thermal treatment system used to regenerate spent carbon for reuse. The RCRA hazardous waste management permit issued for the facility in September 2018 allows the regeneration of carbon contaminated with hazardous waste, subject to the conditions specified in the permit and in RCRA regulations.

Because the facility operator, Evoqua, appealed specified conditions in EPA's permit to the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB), those specified conditions have not taken effect. The rest of the permit went into effect on December 1, 2018. The specified conditions will not go into effect until the conclusion of the appeal. The EAB has denied review of Evoqua's challenge on all but three issues. Those three issues were "remanded" to EPA and are the subjects of today's Proposed Decision to Revise Remanded Permit Conditions.

The three issues remanded to EPA are: (1) the process by which the permittees are required to report certain instances of non-compliance; (2) the appropriate regulation of Tank T-11; and (3) the technical feasibility of complying with certain Automatic Waste Feed Cutoff (AWFCO) requirements. During the public comment period, comments may only be made on these three remanded items. The remainder of the permit is not open for review.

TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING: EPA invites you to attend a public meeting and public hearing to discuss the proposed permit decision and to collect verbal and written comments. The meeting will be held **November 7, 2019**, in the Mohave Conference Room at the **Bluewater Resort and Casino, 11300 Resort Drive, Parker, Arizona, 85344** (phone number: 928-669-7000). The public meeting start time is at **7:00 pm** and the public hearing will follow. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact Mike Zabaneh whose contact information is listed below.

TO PROVIDE COMMENTS: Comments may be submitted to EPA during the public comment period that ends **November 21, 2019**. Comments may be written, emailed or provided in person at the public hearing on the proposed revisions. Written comments must be postmarked by **November 21, 2019**, and sent to:

"Mike" Mahfouz Zabaneh, P.E. US EPA Region 9, Land Division 75 Hawthorne Street, LND 4-2 San Francisco, CA 94105 Phone: 415-972-3348 Email: zabaneh.mahfouz@epa.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION: You may request more information about the proposed revisions to the permit conditions by contacting Mike Zabaneh. You can also find more information at : <u>www.epa.gov/az/evoqua</u> or the information repository on the facility's website: <u>www.evoqua.com/en/about/service-locations/Pages/Parker-AZ-Permits.aspx</u>.

If you wish to review the proposed remand documents or the most recent permit, you can find them at the links provided above, or by requesting them from Mike Zabaneh. Copies are also available at the following locations:

U.S. EPA Records Center 75 Hawthorne St., 3rd Floor San Francisco, CA 94105 (415) 947-4597 Colorado River Indian Tribes Museum and Library CRIT Administrative Complex 26600 Mohave Road Parker, AZ 85344 (928) 669-1332 Parker Public Library 1001 South Navaho Ave. Parker, AZ 85344 (928) 669-2622 The administrative record for the proposed remand decision is available for the public to review at the EPA address listed above between the hours of 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. A list of files comprising the administrative record on the proposed remand can be found at the following link: <u>www.epa.gov/az/evoqua</u>.

Information, opinions, inquiries or requests to be added to EPA's mailing list for this permit decision should be directed to:

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To communicate with the facility operator, please contact:

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