

Senate Engrossed House Bill  
on-site wastewater treatment facilities; permitting

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**CHAPTER 137**  
**HOUSE BILL 2195**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 49-245, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO WATER  
QUALITY CONTROL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Section 49-245, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:  
4 49-245. Criteria for issuing general permit  
5 A. The director may issue by rule a general permit for a defined  
6 class of facilities if all of the following apply:  
7 1. The cost of issuing individual permits cannot be justified by  
8 any environmental or public health benefit that may be gained from issuing  
9 individual permits.  
10 2. The facilities, activities or practices in the class are  
11 substantially similar in nature.  
12 3. The director is satisfied that appropriate conditions under a  
13 general permit for operating the facilities or conducting the activity  
14 will meet the applicable requirements in section 49-243 or, as to  
15 facilities for which the director has established best management  
16 practices, section 49-246.  
17 B. In addition to other applicable enforcement actions, if a person  
18 violates the conditions of a general permit, the director may revoke the  
19 general permit for that person and require that the person obtain an  
20 individual permit. A general permit may be revoked, modified or suspended  
21 at any time by the director if necessary to comply with this chapter.  
22 C. Rules establishing a general permit shall include terms and  
23 conditions to ensure that all discharges and facilities will meet the  
24 requirements of this chapter and shall provide for the collective or  
25 individual revocation of the general permit if necessary to ensure  
26 compliance with this chapter.  
27 D. Rules adopted pursuant to subsection A of this section may  
28 require a person who owns or operates a facility seeking coverage under a  
29 general permit to notify the director of the person's intent to operate  
30 the facility pursuant to the general permit and pay the applicable fee  
31 required pursuant to section 49-203.  
32 E. UNTIL REVISED RULES THAT ARE PROPOSED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2024  
33 ARE EFFECTIVE, AND ONLY FOR ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES WITH A  
34 DESIGN FLOW OF THREE THOUSAND GALLONS PER DAY OR MORE, AN ON-SITE  
35 WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY WITH A DESIGN FLOW OF THREE THOUSAND GALLONS  
36 PER DAY OR MORE BUT LESS THAN SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND GALLONS PER DAY MAY  
37 DISCHARGE UNDER A GENERAL PERMIT IF THE ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
38 FACILITY COMPLIES WITH EXISTING GENERAL PERMIT RULES AND IS OPERATED BY A  
39 SERVICE PROVIDER THAT IS CERTIFIED BY THE TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURER. THE  
40 DIRECTOR SHALL INCLUDE AN ADDENDUM TO THE GENERAL PERMIT AUTHORIZATION  
41 THAT REQUIRES ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES TO CONDUCT  
42 MAINTENANCE, MONITORING, RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING IN ADDITION TO THE  
43 REQUIREMENTS OF THE GENERAL PERMIT.

1 F. FOR AN ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY WITH A DESIGN FLOW  
2 OF FIFTY THOUSAND GALLONS PER DAY OR MORE OR FOR A SITE WITH MULTIPLE  
3 ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES WITH A COLLECTIVE DESIGN FLOW OF  
4 FIFTY THOUSAND GALLONS PER DAY OR MORE, THE DIRECTOR MAY REQUIRE THE  
5 FACILITY BY AN ADDENDUM TO THE GENERAL PERMIT AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE  
6 ADEQUATE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE.

7 G. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH FEES FOR GENERAL PERMITS ISSUED  
8 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS E AND F OF THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
9 DEPOSIT THE FEES, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35-146 AND 35-147, IN THE WATER  
10 QUALITY FEE FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 49-210.

11 H. NOT LATER THAN ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE  
12 DATE OF REVISED RULES THAT ARE PROPOSED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND ONLY  
13 FOR ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES WITH A DESIGN FLOW OF THREE  
14 THOUSAND GALLONS PER DAY OR MORE, A PERMITTEE PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION E  
15 OR F OF THIS SECTION SHALL TRANSITION THE PERMITTEE'S FACILITY CONSISTENT  
16 WITH THE REVISED ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PERMIT PROGRAM.

17 Sec. 2. Legislative intent

18 The legislature intends that the director of the department of  
19 environmental quality base fees that are adopted pursuant to section  
20 49-245, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, on the  
21 department's direct and indirect costs associated with the type of  
22 activity that is assessed a fee.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 10, 2024.

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