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groundwater model; public inspection; challenge

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HOUSE BILL 2019

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 45, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 45-581; RELATING TO GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 45, chapter 2, article 9, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 45-581, to read:

4 45-581. Groundwater model; public inspection; public meeting

5 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE AT NO COST FOR PUBLIC
6 INSPECTION ANY HYDROLOGIC MODELING THAT THE DEPARTMENT USES TO DETERMINE
7 PROJECTED GROUNDWATER LEVELS FOR THE PURPOSES OF EVALUATING AN APPLICATION
8 FOR A CERTIFICATE OR DESIGNATION OF ASSURED WATER SUPPLY, INCLUDING THE
9 HYDROLOGIC MODEL'S FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS.

10 B. NOT LESS THAN NINETY DAYS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT USES A NEW
11 GROUNDWATER MODEL FOR ANY PURPOSE WITHIN AN ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA, THE
12 DIRECTOR SHALL POST ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE ANY ASSUMPTIONS
13 ANTICIPATED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MODELING AND SHALL INVITE PUBLIC
14 COMMENT. ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE POSTING PERIOD, THE DIRECTOR SHALL HOLD
15 A PUBLIC MEETING TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE ASSUMPTIONS AND
16 SHALL POST ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED AND RESPONSES
17 FROM THE DEPARTMENT. THE DIRECTOR SHALL INCLUDE A STATEMENT WITH EACH
18 COMMENT THAT INDICATES IF THE COMMENTS RESULTED IN AN ADDITION,
19 MODIFICATION, REVISION OR DELETION OF THE ASSUMPTION.