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Dear Drinking Water Plant Operators:

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) has been provided the legal authority pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-495.01 to license all environmental laboratories engaged in compliance testing. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-495.02(A3), a facility can be exempt from licensure if they are: 1) performing only compliance testing of parameters which require analysis at the time of sample collection; and 2) as long as the testing methodologies employed are approved by the director of the department of health services or the department of environmental quality. Over the past three years, ADHS has been providing training and technical advice to the AZPDES and APP Permit holders on how to meet these two conditions for exemption from licensure.

In continuance of the ADHS's effort to review all facilities performing field compliance testing that is reported to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), a transition from reviewing AZPDES and APP Permit field testing to drinking water field testing will begin within the next few months. Field testing for drinking water that may be exempt includes the disinfectants and turbidity. ADHS will be providing free drinking water specific training for these field methods in October 2012 at 12 different locations throughout the state (Central Phoenix, Chandler, Goodyear, Yuma, Tucson, Prescott, Kingman, Flagstaff, Show Low, Bisbee, Safford and Miami). Information about registration will be forthcoming. ADHS will also be holding a stakeholders meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the State Public Health Laboratory at 250 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the QA/QC Requirements (See attached) for these drinking water field methods.

In the winter of 2013, ADHS will begin to perform site reviews to determine if facilities are meeting the two conditions for field testing for exemption from licensure. ADHS is also in the process of setting up a drinking water field method website that will contain training and helpful information.

Sincerely,

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