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DATES: A request for a public hearing must be received on or before April 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following office: Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Records Center, 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007; or please contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section for additional availability information.

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If EPA Region 9 does not receive a timely and appropriate request for a hearing and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, this determination shall become final and effective on April 12, 2021, and no further public notice will be issued.

Authority: Section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300g–2 (1996), and 40 CFR part 142 of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations.

Dated: March 5, 2021.

Deborah Jordan,
Acting Regional Administrator, EPA Region 9.