



**The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Environmental Quality Act and ADEQ:  
Assessing and Protecting the State's Water Quality**

**Retrospective on Two Decades of Water  
Quality Consulting with ADEQ:  
Lessons Learned and Future Challenges**

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# Lessons Learned



Good  
Science

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Stakeholder  
Collaboration

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~~Sustainable~~  
Sustainable  
Environmental  
Policies

# Good Science

- Reliance on good science was a cornerstone tenet of ADEQ's philosophy but adherence to that principal has varied
- Do not need to recreate the wheel
  - Benchmark other programs
  - Identify the best
  - Modify to fit Arizona conditions

# Stakeholder Collaboration

- Arizona does this better than anyone and should keep it up!
- Success examples:
  - Soil Cleanup Task Force
  - Groundwater Cleanup Task Force
  - Unified Water Quality Permitting Rewrite Project
  - Voluntary Remediation Program



# Sustainable Environmental Policies



# Future Challenges

- ADEQ staff retention and funding
- Sustainable fee structures for new and existing permitting programs
- Increasing the pace of WQARF clean-ups
- Continued improvement in Arizona's environmental programs in partnership with stakeholders



**Questions?**