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Ms. Martha Guzman, Regional Administrator United States Environmental Protection Agency - Region 9 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Guzman:

Transmitted herein is the State of Arizona's official application for approval of primacy for classes I through VI well regulation as authorized by Part C, Section 1422, of Title XIV of the Public Health Service Act: Safety of Public Water Systems (Safe Drinking Water Act), Public Law 93-523, as amended. This application contains the supporting information required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Safe Drinking Water Act for a state to qualify for primacy. It also affirms the State of Arizona's willingness to carry out the program described herein through the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's (ADEQ), Water Quality Division, the designated agency responsible for implementation of the program. As described in this application, the State of Arizona and ADEQ have the statutory authority, expert personnel, the data management system, and the fiscal resources necessary to carry out a program of regulation of classes I through VI injection that effectively protects underground sources of drinking water.

A similar program has been carried out by ADEQ under state law for decades, and I am confident of the State of Arizona's ability to administer a successful program. The task of assuming primacy has been facilitated by the outstanding cooperation of the USEPA over the past few years as the State of Arizona has been preparing this application. I appreciate the strong relationship that ADEQ and USEPA have had for several decades running similar programs and look forward to continued cooperation in the future.

For the purpose of this application, Mr. Trevor Baggiore, Water Quality Division Director, ADEQ, will be acting as ADEQ's liaison with the USEPA. Should the USEPA have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Baggiore at 602-771-2321 or baggiore.trevor@azdeq.gov.

I look forward to the USEPA's favorable decision regarding this application and thank you in advance for your attention to this request.

Sincerely.

Katie Hobbs Governor State of Arizona