

## **Proposed Rulemaking to Delay Pinal AMA Extinguishment Credit Reduction**

On May 15, 2014, the Department filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with the Office of the Secretary of State to amend the Assured Water Supply (AWS) Rules for the Pinal Active Management Area (AMA). This rulemaking will delay, until January 1, 2019, the first reduction in the annual allocation factor used to calculate credits for the extinguishment of grandfathered groundwater rights in the Pinal AMA. The delay in the reduction schedule is designed to allow water users and other interested parties in the Pinal AMA, including the Pinal Local Water Group, additional time to examine conditions within the AMA and offer alternatives for meeting the AMA's management goal prior to the first allocation factor reduction. Information on the Pinal Local Water Group can be found [here](#).

On July 7, 2014, the Department held an oral proceeding in Coolidge, Arizona to allow members of the public an opportunity to provide oral or written comments on the proposed rulemaking. No members of the public appeared to provide comments at the oral proceeding. On July 21, 2014, the Department submitted a Notice of Final Rulemaking to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (Council) for approval. Click [here](#) to view the Notice of Final Rulemaking. The rule amendment contained in the Notice of Final Rulemaking is identical to the rule modification contained in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

A Study Session will be held by the Council on August 26, 2014 during which the rule amendment may be discussed. The Council will formally consider approving the rule amendment at its Tuesday September 9, 2014 meeting. Please see the Council's website ([www.grrc.az.gov](http://www.grrc.az.gov)) for additional information, including the Study Session and Council Meeting times and locations.