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groundwater model; receipt; written findings

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SENATE BILL 1116

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 45, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 45-581; RELATING TO GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 45, chapter 2, article 9, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 45-581, to read:

4 45-581. Groundwater model; alternative model; notification of
5 receipt; response; findings

6 A. WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER RECEIVING AN ALTERNATIVE GROUNDWATER
7 MODEL, THE DIRECTOR SHALL NOTIFY IN WRITING THE PERSON WHO SUBMITTED THE
8 ALTERNATIVE GROUNDWATER MODEL OF RECEIPT.

9 B. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF RECEIPT OF
10 AN ALTERNATIVE GROUNDWATER MODEL, THE DIRECTOR SHALL PROVIDE A WRITTEN
11 RESPONSE TO THE APPLICANT DETAILING:

12 1. WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS THE OVERALL FINDINGS OF THE
13 ALTERNATIVE GROUNDWATER MODEL.

14 2. WHETHER THE DIRECTOR ACCEPTS OR DENIES EACH OF THE SPECIFIC
15 FINDINGS OF THE ALTERNATIVE GROUNDWATER MODEL.

16 3. THE RATIONALE FOR THE DIRECTOR'S REJECTION OF ANY OF THE
17 FINDINGS OF THE ALTERNATIVE GROUNDWATER MODEL.

18 (ENACTED WITHOUT THE EMERGENCY)

19 Sec. 2. Emergency

20 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
21 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
22 law.