U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification # 2022-497 City of Phoenix 91st Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant, Tolleson, AZ, under U.S. EPA NPDES Permit # AZ0020524

This Clean Water Act Section (CWA) 401 Water Quality Certification # 2022-497 (Certification) applies to the City of Phoenix 91st Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant. The facility is located in Tolleson, Arizona. The City of Phoenix 91st Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant provides wastewater treatment services for the City of Phoenix and Sub-Regional Operating Group (SROG) member cites of Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tempe, in Maricopa County Arizona serving a population of approximately 2.6 million. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 is issuing a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act for the facility. The facility is authorized to discharge in accordance with the effluent limits, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in NPDES Permit # AZ0020524

Section 401(a)(1) of the CWA requires applicants for Federal permits and licenses that may result in discharges into waters of the United States, to obtain certification that any such discharges will comply with applicable provisions of the CWA, including Sections 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307. Where no state agency or tribe has authority to give such certification, EPA is the certifying authority. In this case, the discharge originates within a jurisdiction without Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 authority, therefore, EPA is providing the Certification for discharges that may result from this NPDES permitted facility.

Pursuant to CWA § 401(a)(2), EPA has reviewed the NPDES permit for The City of Phoenix 91st Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant and has determined that the discharge authorized by the permit is not likely to affect the quality of waters within any neighboring jurisdiction, based on the location of the discharge and the permit requirements.

If you have questions regarding this certification, contact EPA Region 9 at: R9-401-Certs@epa.gov.

Granted Without Condition

EPA hereby certifies that discharge(s), as authorized by the NPDES permit # AZ0020524 for the City of Phoenix 91st Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant will comply with the water quality requirements, as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 121.1(n).

/s/ February 28, 2023

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