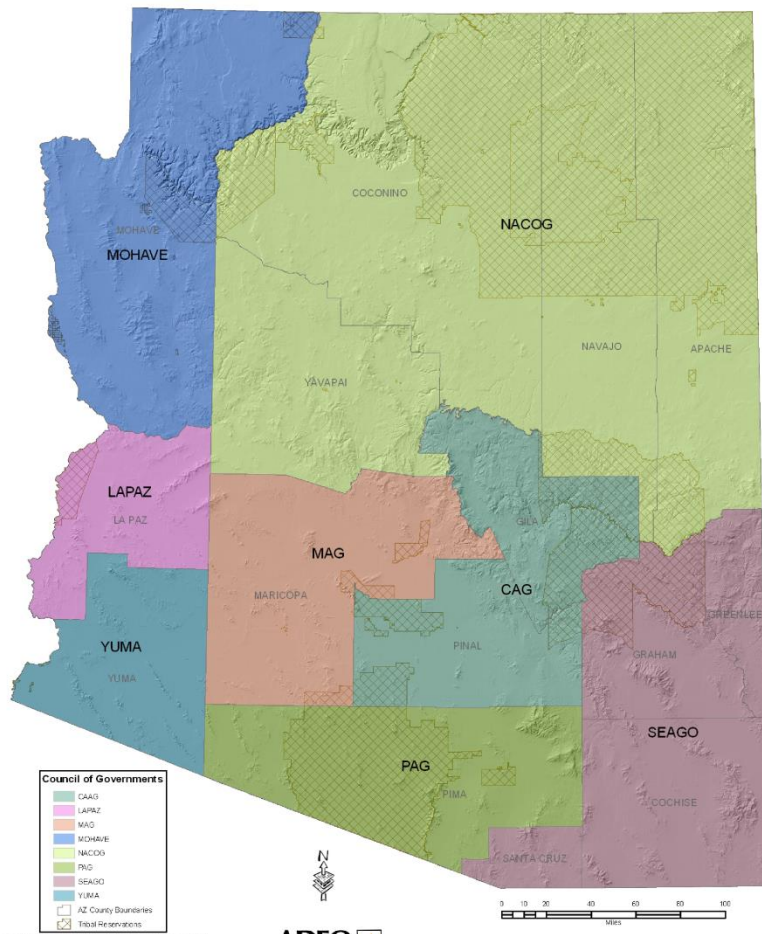


Designated Planning Agencies in Arizona

Designated Planning Agencies (DPAs):

Under Section 208 of the Clean Water Act, Designated Planning Agencies are required to develop comprehensive water quality management plans, also known as 208 plans. Under state and federal regulations, all new or significantly changed wastewater treatment facilities must gain consistency with their DPA's 208 plan before permits may be issued. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality serves as the state planning agency for water quality in the state of Arizona. Currently there are eight DPAs in Arizona: Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), Pima Association of Governments (PAG), Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG), SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO), Central Arizona Governments (CAG), La Paz County, Mohave County and Yuma County.

Map of Arizona DPAs



This map is for general reference only and may not be all inclusive. ADEQ program's data collection efforts are ongoing. More detailed information and specific locations can be obtained by contacting the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.



Arizona Councils of Governments (COGs):

A Council of Governments (COG), or Regional Council, is a public organization encompassing a multi-jurisdictional regional community. A COG serves the local governments and the citizens in the region by dealing with issues and needs that cross city, town, county and even state boundaries. Mechanisms used to address these issues may include communication, planning, policymaking, coordination, advocacy and technical assistance. Currently there are five COGs in Arizona that are DPAs: Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), Pima Association of Governments (PAG), Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG), SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) and Central Arizona Governments (CAG).

1. Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)

The Maricopa Association of Governments is a Council of Governments that serves as the regional agency for the metropolitan Phoenix area. MAG provides a regional forum for analysis, discussion and resolution of issues including areas of transportation, air quality, environment, regional development and social services. MAG website provides extensive information on their regional council, program areas including environmental programs, maps, data news and others. This website maintains an online list of its 208 plan amendments as well.

Link to MAG website:

<https://www.azmag.gov/>

Link to MAG 208 Plan:

<http://www.azmag.gov/Projects/Project.asp?CMSID2=1142&MID=Environmental%20Programs>

2. Pima Association of Governments (PAG)

Pima Association of Governments is a coalition of local, state and tribal governments whose mission is to build consensus with its members and the public on regional planning issues, such as transportation, air quality and water quality. Pima Association of Governments' staff gathers and analyzes data, provide accurate information, and coordinate an open and cooperative planning process to promote good decisions for our region's future. PAG website important information about watershed planning in their council, water-related PAG publications and the 208 plan amendment document.

Link to PAG website:

<http://www.pagregion.com>

Link to PAG 208 Plan:

<http://www.pagnet.org/Programs/EnvironmentalPlanning/Water/WaterResourcePlanning/Wastewater208Planning/PAGs208Plan/tabid/355/Default.aspx>

3. Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG)

Northern Arizona Council of Governments is a nonprofit membership corporation representing local governments to provide a wide variety of services within the four Arizona counties of Apache, Coconino, Navajo, and Yavapai. NACOG website provides brief information on their regional planning programs, including water quality planning.

Link to NACOG website:

<http://www.nacog.org/>

Link to NACOG 208 Plan:

http://www.nacog.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=dep_menu&menu_id=5024&dept_id=13

4. SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO)

The SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) is a regional planning agency which performs and coordinates a variety of functions. SEAGO website briefly outlines background and services of their environmental planning program.

Link to SEAGO website:

<http://www.seago.org/>

Link to SEAGO 208 Plan:

<http://seago.org/?q=2011-wqmp-update>

5. Central Arizona Governments (CAG)

Central Arizona Governments serves as the regional council of governments for Gila and Pinal Counties. CAG website provides information about their regional planning programs, including water quality planning.

Link to CAG website:

<http://www.cagaz.org/>

Link to CAG Water Quality Planning (including 208 Plan links):

<http://www.cagaz.org/Departments/208/waterquality.html>

Arizona Counties:

Currently there are three counties in Arizona that are DPAs: La Paz County, Mohave County and Yuma County.

6. La Paz County

Link to La Paz County website:

<http://www.co.la-paz.az.us/>

Link to La Paz County Environmental Health page:

<http://www.lapazcomdev.com/environmental-health.html>

7. Mohave County

Link to Mohave County website:

<http://www.mohavecounty.us/>

Link to Mohave County 208 Plan:

<http://www.mohavecounty.us/ContentPage.aspx?id=124&cid=366&page=5>

8. Yuma County

Link to Yuma County website:

<http://www.yumacountyaz.gov/>

Link to Yuma County Environmental Programs page:

<http://www.yumacountyaz.gov/departments-and-services/development-services/divisions/environmental-programs>

Other Helpful Links:

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality:

<http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/water/watershed/index.html>

Arizona Regional Water Quality Management Planning:

<http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/water/watershed/regional.html>

Arizona State Land Department:

<https://land.az.gov/>

Arizona State Land Department (Real Estate Division):

<https://land.az.gov/divisions/real-estate>

Arizona Corporation Commission:

<http://www.azcc.gov/>