



Critical Issues with Maricopa County Air Programs

MAG Regional Council

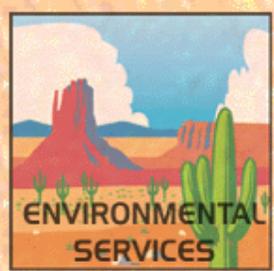
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Critical Issue #1

- **EPA issued a Notice of Deficiency for Maricopa County Title V Air Permit Program for Industry**
 - Could jeopardize the MAG Transportation Improvement Program



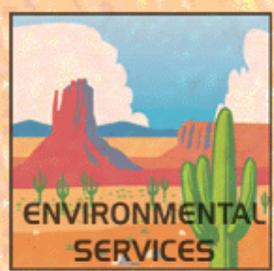
Maricopa County Title V Air Permit Program for Industry

- **May 18, 2005 - Notice of Deficiency issued by EPA**
- **In 90 days - Work Plan due or sanctions and a federal program may be imposed**
- **In 18 months - Deficiencies must be corrected or sanctions will be imposed. A federal program will be imposed in 24 months**
- **Sanctions**
 - Restrictions on industry - Expensive
 - Loss of federal highway monies - \$200 million
 - Conformity Lapse - Major road projects stopped
- **At Risk**
 - MAG TIP - \$2 billion



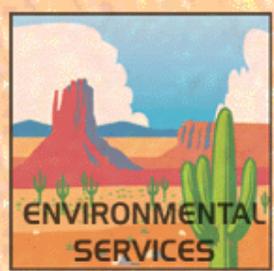
Critical Issue #2

- **EPA requested Maricopa County to hire 25-30 dust inspectors to enforce the Fugitive Dust Control Rules**
 - County provided \$1 million to hire 19 inspectors, only 7 are currently hired
 - Failure to enforce dust rules could jeopardize attainment and lead to a requirement for 5% reduction in emissions per year



Enforcement of Maricopa County Dust Control Rules

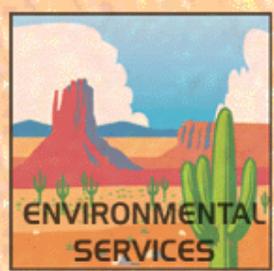
- **June 2004 - EPA indicated 25 to 30 additional inspectors needed to strengthen enforcement**
- **July 2004 - Regional Council urged Maricopa County to immediately hire the additional inspectors**
- **August 2004 - Maricopa County provides \$1 million to hire 19 full-time employees (contract employees)**
- **November 2004 - County establishes new Air Quality Department**
- **May 2005 - Only 7 full-time additional employees are hired**
- **May 2005 - Fee rule revisions approved providing permanent funding source for employees**



Maricopa County Dust Control Rules

■ At Risk

- Attainment of the PM-10 standards -
Need clean data for 2004, 2005 & 2006
- 5 Percent Plan due Dec.31, 2007 if standards are not met
- 2004 - 1 monitor exceeded the 24-hr standard and 2 exceeded the annual standard
- 2005 - 1 monitor exceeded the 24-hr standard



Possible Recommendation

- **Urge Maricopa County to focus immediate attention on hiring the additional inspectors for enforcement of the Maricopa County Fugitive Dust Control Rules and the prompt resolution of the Title V Permit Program issues.**
- **Request Maricopa County to provide periodic updates to the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee, Management Committee and Regional Council on the progress being made regarding these issues.**



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