Building Extremely Effective Relationships with Tribal Environmental Departments

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Characteristics of Effective Relationships

- Partnership Anticipating Needs • Trust Consistency • Respect • Feedback
- Problem Solving

Know Each Other
Understanding
Communication



GRIC Overview

Akimel O'odham (Pima) & Pee Posh (Maricopa)
Established in 1859 by Executive Order
~374,000 Acres

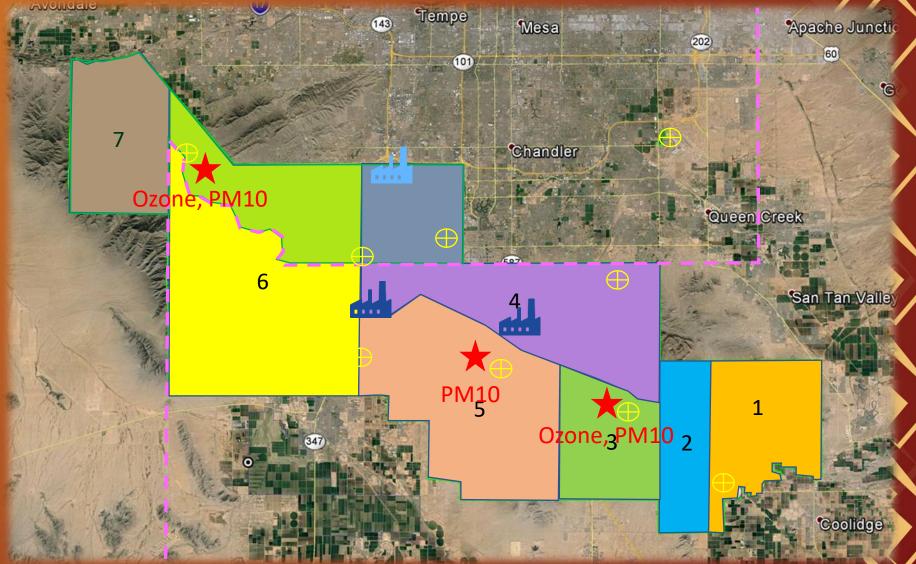
~35,000 Acres Agricultural

DEQ Established 1995



- 7 Districts
- 2 Counties (Maricopa & Pinal)
- 1 Industrial Park
- 2 Aggregate Mines
- ~40 Facilities
- 3 Regulatory Air Monitoring Sites

GRIC Overview





Department Programs

• Air Quality

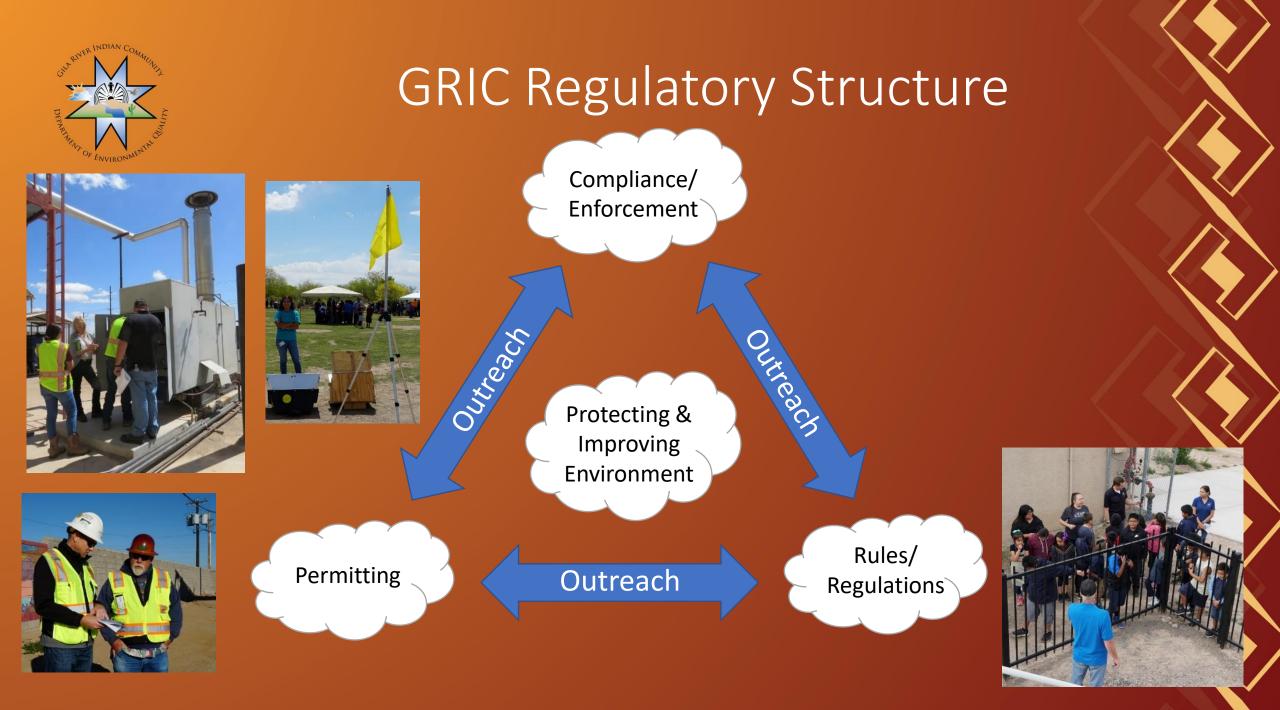
Pesticide Control Office

• Waste

• Water Quality

• Wildlife & Ecosystems Management







Summary of DEQ Regulatory Functions

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Item	Air	Pesticide	Waste	Water	WEMP
Treatment As a State (TAS)	\checkmark			\checkmark	
Ordinances	Air Quality Management Plan	Pesticide Code	Waste Management; Medical Waste	Wastewater & Reclaimed Water Management; SW & GW (pending)	
Tribally Enforceable	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	
Federally Enforceable	\checkmark			\checkmark	
Compliance & Enforcement	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Adopted Standards (Numeric)	NAAQS			Reclaimed (Cat I/II); SW & GW (Pending)	
Authorizations (Permits, Registrations, etc)	Open Burn; Earthmoving; Non-Title V	Ag & Pest Mgmt; RUP Dealers/ Prod; Apiary	Recycling Facility; Solid Waste Transfer Stations	Wastewater Treatment; Reuse	
Monitoring	\checkmark			\checkmark	
Other	Asbestos Notifications		RCRA Inspections		Habitat & Wildlife Surveys



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FORMS

Department

- DEQ Request Form: (Fill out online | Download)
- DEQ Compliance Complaint Form →

Air Program

- Contact Information Update Form
- EPA Method 9 (Visible Emissions) Form
- Earthmoving Permit Application with Dust Control Plan 2021 \rightarrow
- Burn Permit Application (Online)
- Non-Title V Permit Application
- Non-Title V Renewal Application
- Non-Title V Permit Transfer Application
- Non-Title V Permit Minor Modification Application
- Operation & Maintenance Plan Guidelines
- Asbestos Notification Form

Pesticide Program

- Apiary Registration Application
- Bee Nuisance Complaint Intake Form
- Authoriztion Application (Individual) \rightarrow
- Authorization Application (Business) \rightarrow
- Request for Services Form



Project Approval Processes

• Finance Department Business License Land Use Planning & Zoning Department (LUPZ) • Land Use Action Review (zoning or pre-con) Certificate of Compliance (construction permit) • DEQ

• Environmental Permits & Registrations



Enterprises / Entities

- 1. AJI SPA & SALON
- 2. GILA RIVER CASINOS
- 3. UTILITY AUTHORITY
- 4. SAND & GRAVEL CORPORATION
- 5. GILA RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS
- 6. HUHUGAM HERITAGE CENTER
- 7. KAI RESTAURANT
- 8. KOLI EQUESTRIAN CENTER
- 9. KO'SIN RESTAURANT
- 10. LONE BUTTE DEVELOPMENT CORP
- 11. PIMA LEASING & FINANCING CORP.
- 12. RAWHIDE
- 13. SHERATON WILD HORSE PASS RESORT & SPA
- 14. TOKA STICKS GOLF CLUB

- 15. WHIRLWIND GOLF CLUB
- 16. WILD HORSE PASS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
- 17. GILA RIVER HEALTHCARE
- 18. GILA RIVER FARMS









Waste Management Ordinance Purpose

B. Protect the cultural, social and economic stability of residential, agricultural, commercial, industrial, and environmentally sensitive lands and natural resources within the Community and the Reservation;

C. Protect the historical and cultural values and traditions of the Community;

• AQMP Open Burn Exemptions

B. Fires used for cultural, religious or ceremonial purposes;



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