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The Habitat Characterization Study was conceived as a specific investigative effort within the larger and broader Arid West Water Quality Research Project (WQRP). After extensive review and discussion with dischargers, regulators, and other stakeholders, the scope of the investigation was finalized and a request for proposals to conduct the study was announced by the Pima County Wastewater Management Department. The work was divided into individual tasks, each of which generated a variety of interim reports, data files, technical presentations, outreach materials, and other records. It was felt by the project managers that these scientific products still had retained their value, even when updated or summarized by subsequent products. However, the sheer volume of data and analysis collected produced a cumbersome paper report and much of the valuable data was difficult to extract.

The decision was reached in late 2001 to issue the final report as an electronic document, and this is that report. Although a number of paper copies have been made, the primary document consists of a CD containing the summary final report and a collection of appendices, which together make up the Habitat Characterization Study Final Report. Most likely, this text has been downloaded to your computer from such a CD and the report authors and project managers encourage you to rely upon this paperless form.

This discussion, Appendix A, is followed by 17 appendices. Each of these started out as a portion of a previous report; therefore, long-term participants in the WQRP may find familiar discussions in some of these appendices. Although material and typographic errors have been corrected in these appendices, they primarily have been included on the CD as is, while some of the interpretations and conclusions have evolved with the progress of the project. The summary report presents the most recent record of WQRP results and should be used as the primary source of referenced work.

Appendix R is a data archive that contains all of the historic chemical and hydrological data extracted from the U.S. Geological Survey, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, or other files. These are archived as they were created, either as Excel spreadsheet tables and graphs, text files, or other raw formats. These data are presented “as is” in the hopes that they will be useful to other researchers.

Each of the text files on the CD has been produced as an Adobe Acrobat pdf file. If Adobe Acrobat Reader is installed on your computer, you should have no trouble loading and opening the report. Adobe Acrobat Reader version 5.0 is included on the CD in a directory named Acrobat Reader. If necessary to install Acrobat Reader, double-click the file named Reader5.exe, and follow the instructions provided by Adobe.

Upon opening the PIMA COUNTY.PDF file, you will be presented with a split screen composed of a page of text on the right and a table of contents on the left. It is possible to page through the text using the Adobe tool bars or scroll and read the text as you go. If the lettering is too small, zoom to a more convenient view using the magnifying glass icon on the tool bar.

You also may navigate within the document by going to a specific page, or by double-clicking on a specific chapter or section “bookmark” on the left screen. As you page through a chapter, certain words or phrases will be highlighted in **bold** text. These are links that are electronically connected to a figure, table or related text elsewhere in the document. By clicking these links, you can instantly check a figure or data table used in the particular discussion. When ranges of figures or tables are referenced, the link returns to the table of contents for that section. You may then select the figure you wish to review. If there are any problems with this CD, please contact the Pima County Wastewater Management Department at (520) 740-6344.