



Arizona Department of Agriculture

Environmental and Plant Services Division

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA

Proposed Action: The Arizona Department of Agriculture, Environmental and Plant Services Division (EPSD) is calling a virtual public hearing to receive oral comments regarding the proposed rulemaking to modify the administrative rules under Title 3, Chapter 4, Article 10 - Industrial Hemp. The proposed rulemaking was posted to Volume 27, Issue 16, page 571 of the Arizona Administrative Register on April 16, 2021.

Date and Time: The virtual public hearing is open to the public and will be held on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021 beginning at 11:00 a.m. and will adjourn no later than 2:00p.m. (MST)** Written comments will be accepted until **May 17, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (MST)**.

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Additional Information:

If you wish to speak at the hearing to provide verbal comments to the proposed rulemaking, please complete and submit a speaker card before 9:00 a.m. (MST) on May 17, 2021.

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No response will be given to verbal comments related to the rulemaking during the meeting. Commenters will be provided a response at a later time.

Regarding the proposed rulemaking:

The Department intends to revise the industrial hemp program rules to achieve three primary objectives: (1) reduce licensing fees to ensure the income is comparable to expenditures for the program (implemented by Emergency Rulemaking in 2020); (2) comply with the federal regulations under 7 CFR Part 990 for domestic hemp production; and (3) ease the overall regulatory burden and reduce the amount of paperwork produced, while maintaining regulatory control for the regulated community.

AGENDA:

1. [Opening Statement](#)
2. [Public Comment](#)
3. [Closing Statement](#)
4. [Adjournment](#)

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