



**Maricopa County**  
Air Quality Department

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: March 15, 2016  
To: Tom Manos, County Manager  
Via: Joy Rich, AICP, Deputy County Manager   
From: Philip A. McNeely, R.G., Director   
Subject: AQ-2016-003-Rule 280 – County Manager's Approval

In accordance with the "Moratorium on Increased Regulatory Burdens," the Air Quality Department is seeking your approval to proceed with revisions to Rule 280 (Fees). Rule 280 establishes fees charged to owners and operators of sources of air pollution subject to air quality rules. The department is largely funded by a fee for service model by charging permit application fees, annual administrative fees, and hourly fees for staff time to process Title V and Non-Title V permits. Rule 280 was last revised in 2010. Through process improvement and administrative efficiencies, the current revenues generated by fees exceed the expenses, resulting in a yearly positive balance. While some individual fees may increase with the fee for service model, this rule making will result in an overall decrease in fee collection to match the departments expenses.

This rule revision qualifies for County Manager approval under the moratorium, as the rule revision will reduce regulatory burden. We are requesting your approval to move the rule revision, to be referenced as "AQ-2016-003-Rule 280," forward in accordance with the "Moratorium on Increased Regulatory Burdens".

  
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Approved by Tom Manos, County Manager



## Briefing Notification to County Manager

Prepared by the Maricopa County Air Quality Department

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**Case #/Title:** AQ-2016-003-Rule 280

**Supervisor Districts:** All Districts

**Overview:** Rule 280 (Fees) establishes fees charged to owners and operators of sources of air pollution subject to air quality rules. The department is largely funded by a fee for service model by charging permit application fees, annual administrative fees, and hourly fees for staff time to process Title V and Non-Title V permits. Rule 280 was last revised in 2010. Through process improvement and administrative efficiencies, the current revenues generated by fees exceed the expenses, resulting in a yearly positive balance. While some individual fees may increase with the fee for service model, this rule making will result in an overall decrease in fee collection to match the department expenses.

**Next Steps:** The rulemaking will follow the Enhanced Regulatory Outreach Program Policy and workflow process. Stakeholder workshops are tentatively scheduled to begin in June 2016.