



# ARIZONA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SUCCESS REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## Safer Groundwater Results from New Underground Storage Tank Program

Abandoned underground storage tanks threaten groundwater and pose risk of cave-ins. ADEQ approved 44 applications for **permanently closing 132 abandoned USTs** in 2016, **completing work at 16 Arizona sites and removing 52 tanks**. Contamination was found at 75% of the sites, but by modifying its closure sampling plan requirements, ADEQ was able to investigate sufficiently and allow release closure for nearly half of these sites without additional field work – saving time, money and resources.

