

March 1, 2013

Veronica Blette  
Chief, WaterSense Branch  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Wastewater Management (4204M)  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Subject: City Adoption of WaterSense Code Provisions

Dear Ms. Blette:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the city of Sierra Vista, Arizona, in a recent update to its water conservation standards, has adopted the EPA WaterSense Revision 1.1 specifications into its development code. The specifications have become mandatory provisions for all new residential development in the city.

As you're well aware, the WaterSense specifications represent an extremely high standard for water conservation that may be voluntarily complied with by a builder or homeowner. We believe that the city of Sierra Vista, Arizona is the first municipality in the country to adopt these specifications as required code.

Water use is of extreme importance to this high desert community both from a conservation standpoint and from an economic development standpoint. Withdrawal of groundwater that may affect endangered species reliant on the San Pedro River base flow is related to the continued functioning of the US Army military post at Fort Huachuca. The city recognizes its duty to support the Fort and the related need to protect the San Pedro River. As a result we feel it imperative to maintain some of the more restrictive water conservation codes in the country.

We felt your office should be made aware of the fact that our community has adopted the WaterSense specifications.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Frederick W. Mueller  
Mayor  
City of Sierra Vista, Arizona