

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**  
**\* Nogales International Outfall Interceptor Breach\***

**WHEREAS**, beginning July 23, 2017 and continuing, monsoon thunderstorms and excessive rainfall over Santa Cruz County, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico have resulted in flooding that overwhelmed city streets and associated public infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, these flood waters have caused damage to the International Outfall Interceptor (IOI), the binational sewer line that carries 10 to 14 million gallons of untreated waste daily from Nogales, Sonora and Nogales Arizona to the Nogales International Wastewater Treatment Plant (NIWTP) located in Rio Rico, AZ; and

**WHEREAS**, the damage to the IOI pipeline has resulted in raw sewage being released into the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, this release continues and poses significant environmental concerns as well as health and public safety threats to the residents of Nogales, Arizona and Santa Cruz County; and

**WHEREAS**, contaminants in the water are continuing to flow north and into the Santa Cruz River towards the City of Tucson; and

**WHEREAS**, given the current and increasing magnitude, the damages impose a severe hardship on county and local emergency responders; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nogales Council proclaimed a State of Emergency on July 26, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors declared a State of Emergency on July 27, 2017 and is requesting state assistance and support; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D); and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has authorized the expenditure of funds in an event of an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192;

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that the Nogales International Outfall Interceptor Breach justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

- a. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Santa Cruz County due to the Nogales International Outfall Breach, effective July 23, 2017 and continuing; and

- b. Direct that the sum of \$200,000 from the general fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and
- c. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

*Douglas R. Ducey*  
**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-seventh day of July in the Year Two Thousand Seventeen and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Second.

**ATTEST:**

*Michele Reagan*  
**Secretary of State**