

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #17219 and #17220;
Arizona Disaster Number AZ-00076]

**Administrative Declaration of a
Disaster for the State of Arizona**

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business
Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an
Administrative declaration of a disaster
for the State of Arizona dated
10/13/2021.

Incident: Severe Storms, Flooding and
Flash Flooding.

Incident Period: 08/13/2021 through
08/14/2021.

DATES: Issued on 10/13/2021.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline
Date:* 12/13/2021.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan
Application Deadline Date:* 07/13/2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan
applications to: U.S. Small Business
Administration, Processing and
Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport
Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A.
Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance,
U.S. Small Business Administration,
409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050,
Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is
hereby given that as a result of the
Administrator's disaster declaration,
applications for disaster loans may be
filed at the address listed above or other
locally announced locations.

The following areas have been
determined to be adversely affected by
the disaster:

Primary Counties: Maricopa.

Contiguous Counties:

Arizona: Gila, La Paz, Pima, Pinal,
Yavapai, Yuma.

The Interest Rates are:

| | Percent |
|---|---------|
| <i>For Physical Damage:</i> | |
| Homeowners with Credit Avail- able Elsewhere | 3.125 |
| Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere | 1.563 |
| Businesses with Credit Avail- able Elsewhere | 5.710 |
| Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.855 |
| Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ... | 2.000 |
| Non-Profit Organizations with- out Credit Available Else- where | 2.000 |
| <i>For Economic Injury:</i> | |
| Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.855 |

| | Percent |
|---|---------|
| Non-Profit Organizations with- out Credit Available Else- where | 2.000 |

The number assigned to this disaster
for physical damage is 17219 6 and for
economic injury is 17220 0.

The State which received an EIDL
Declaration # is Arizona.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
Number 59008)

Isabella Guzman,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11569]

**Public Hearing on ISRSB's Report on
Managing Water Supply and Flood
Control in the Souris River Basin**

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

The International Joint Commission
(IJC) is inviting public comment on
recommendations made by the
International Souris River Study Board
(ISRSB) in a report that reviews the
1989 International Agreement between
the Government of Canada and the
Government of the United States of
America for Water Supply and Flood
Control in the Souris River Basin (the
1989 Agreement). Comments will be
accepted at a public hearing to be held
virtually on November 3, 2021, and by
mail, email (commission@ijc.org) and
online at ijc.org/en/srsb-flood-drought
until November 15, 2021. The ISRSB's
full report can be found on the Study
Board's website at ijc.org/en/srsb.

**Public Hearing on ISRSB's Report on
Managing Water Supply and Flood
Control in the Souris River Basin**

Date: November 3, 2021.

Time: 12-1:30 p.m. CDT (11 a.m.-
12:30 p.m. MDT, 1:00-2:30 p.m. EDT).

Location: Virtual, register online at
ijc.org/en/srsb-flood-drought.

The International Souris River Study
Board was established by the IJC in 2017
to assist in responding to a reference by
the governments of Canada and the
United States under Article IX of the
Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. The
reference was precipitated by an
unprecedented 2011 flood in the Souris
River basin. The basin is part of the
Prairie Pothole Region and stretches
across Saskatchewan and Manitoba in
Canada and extends into North Dakota
in the United States.

The governments asked the IJC to
coordinate the full completion of the
2013 IJC Plan of Study. As part of this,
the IJC was asked to evaluate and make
recommendations regarding the
Operating Plan contained in Annex A to
the 1989 Agreement. Among other
items, the agreement coordinates the
operation of certain dams and reservoirs
in the basin.

IJC recommendations to the two
federal governments under Article IX of
the *Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909* are
not binding and not to be considered
decisions of the two federal
governments.

The Study Board findings and
recommendations cover five themes:

- Reviewing the performance of the
operating plan in the 1989 Agreement
- Strengthening water supply and flood
control benefits
- Improving data collection and
management
- Addressing other water management
challenges in the basin
- Building on the study's engagement
and outreach, including initiating a
new approach to engaging with
Indigenous peoples in both countries

The public hearing and comment
period concern potential
recommendations the IJC may make to
the Governments of Canada and the
United States. The Study Board findings
include that the 1989 Agreement is
functioning well and is effective at
achieving its intended objectives of
flood protection and water supply
benefits, and they identify marginal or
incremental benefits in five alternative
measures recommended for further
investigation. The recommendations
being considered include the following:

1. Modify the Winter Drawdown
Elevation Targets to build greater
flexibility into reservoir operations by
varying reservoir elevation targets
according to antecedent moisture
conditions in the basin;
2. Extend the Winter Drawdown Date
from February 1 to March 1 to provide
additional river flow for improved
environmental benefits during February;
3. Lower the Spring Maximum Flow
Limits to reduce flood peaks and
agricultural flood risk during small to
moderate floods in riverine reaches in
North Dakota (*i.e.*, floods under 57-85
m³/s or 2 000 to 3 000 ft³/s;
4. Establish a Summer Operating Plan
to provide more guidance to reservoir
operators to better manage summer
reservoir operations under all
conditions;
5. Shift the Apportionment rule
calculations to a Water Year (November
to October) from the current Calendar