The Department of Environmental Quality is in the process of proposing a Draft Apiary Registration Code to the Gila River Indian Community. We are in the initial public notification / 30-day comment phase and request your input and comments on the draft Code.

It is the intent and purpose of the draft Code to replace the current Gila River Indian Community's Beehives Ordinance, adopted in 1985. As this legislation is over 30 years old, it is important to ensure that it remains applicable, culturally relevant, functional, enforceable and meets the needs of the Community.

For your convenience, a summary has been developed to provide an overview of the notable changes to the current Code. A copy of the summary and draft Code can be viewed <u>here</u>. The deadline to submit written comments is November 2, 2018. Please direct all comments or questions in writing to the Pesticide Control Office at <u>GRIC.Pesticide.Office@gric.nsn.us</u> or by mail: PO Box 2139, 45 S. Church Street, Sacaton, AZ 85147.