The United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Utilities Service (USDA) and the Utah Division of Water Quality (DWQ) have received applications for financial assistance from Coalville City. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act and agency regulations, the Rural Utilities Service and DWQ have prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposal. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment. In accordance with the Utah Administrative Code (UAC R317-2-3), an antidegradation review (ADR) is a permit requirement for any project that will increase the level of pollutants in waters of the state. As required for new discharges and discharges to Class 1C drinking water sources, a Level II ADR was conducted for the proposed project. This notice also announces the availability of the Antidegradation Review, which is included as an Appendix in the Environmental Assessment.

The proposal consists of the construction of a Wastewater Treatment Facility that utilizes conventional activated sludge with nutrient removal at a site west of the Rail Trail, east of I-80 and south of Chalk Creek. The project proposes to convert a small amount of farmland of Statewide Importance, however, the State Soil Scientist determined that the quantity of farmland requiring conversion was minimal; therefore USDA concurs that no mitigation measures are required or proposed. All wetlands in the project area have been mapped and will be avoided. The proposed location is approximately seven feet above the normal gross pool water surface elevation of Echo Reservoir and approximately five feet above the maximum induced spillway water elevation. The FEMA Floodplain mapping in the Coalville area provides only Zone A floodplains which are approximated 100-year flood plains without any reference to flood elevations. Due to the presence of an approximated Zone A at the proposed site, the project will require a floodplain development permit to be issued by Coalville City. Other potential sites not located in the approximate Zone A floodplain locations have been deemed more costly and less feasible. A monitoring plan will be developed in conjunction with an archeologist for excavations into previously undisturbed ground within the proposed site to ensure no impacts to Cultural Resources; there is currently no evidence of Cultural Resources at the site and no adverse effects to Cultural Resources are expected. USDA has determined that the proposed project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the conservation agreement species, the Bluehead Sucker and the Bonneville Cutthroat Trout. USDA and the Coalville City intend to implement relevant best management practices (e.g., complying with established water quality requirements, avoiding disturbance of riparian areas and ensuring construction activities are contained on the project site) to ensure that the proposed project avoids adversely affecting these species.

The alternatives considered include: 1. No Action Alternative, 2. Construction of a Wastewater Treatment Facility using conventional activated sludge with nutrient removal at a new site, 3. Construction of a Wastewater Treatment Facility using membrane bioreactor technology at a new site, 4. Other Alternatives: These alternatives evaluated different locations for a conventional facility (like Alternative 2), such as north along Echo Reservoir, west across the Weber River, and south along I-84. Also investigated was the option to construct a lagoon treatment system with all wastewater disposed through land application on a site east up Chalk Creek.
Copies of the Environmental Assessment and Antidegradation Review are available for review at the Rural Developments Office located at the BOR Building, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah, at the Coalville City Hall located at 10 North Main Street, Coalville, Utah or on-line at http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/PublicNotices/index.htm. For further information contact Amy Ivie of the USDA, Rural Utilities Service at 801-377-5580. Any person interested in commenting on this proposal should submit comments to the address above by April 23, 2012.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE COALVILLE CITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PLAN

Coalville City has been reviewing options for construction of a new wastewater treatment facility. The results of this investigation are summarized in a report prepared as part of funding applications to the United States Department of Agriculture and Utah Division of Water Quality. Coalville City will hold a public hearing regarding the Wastewater Facility Plan, also referred to as the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). The recommended Facility Plan alternative is to construct a new conventional wastewater treatment facility with nutrient removal at a new site. The public hearing will be held concurrently with the Coalville City Council meeting for adoption of the Facility Plan. The community is invited to attend and provide comment on the Facility Plan/PER. Please join us:

Monday, April 23, 2012
7 p.m., Public Hearing & Comment Period
City Council Chambers located at 10 N. Main Street, Coalville, Utah

Copies of the Facility Plan/Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) are available for review at the Coalville City Hall located at 10 North Main Street, Coalville, Utah until April 23, 2012. For additional information, or if you have questions or comments please contact Mayor Duane Schmidt or Trevor Lindley (J-U-B Engineers) at 801-547-0393.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be provided for participants with special needs. Requests for assistance can be made by calling 435-336-5981 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.