# Division of Water Quality Utah Department of Environmental Quality Public Notice of Intent to Renew a Ground Water Discharge Permit Permit No. UGW210010

# **Purpose of Public Notice**

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is soliciting comments on the request to renew a ground water discharge permit as described below. The ground water discharge permit is issued by the Director of the Division of Water Quality under authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, Section 19-5-106(g) Utah Code Ann. 1953, as amended and Utah Administrative Code R317-6. Under Section 19-1-301.5, effective May 8, 2012, a person who wishes to challenge a Permit Order may only raise an issue or argument during an adjudicatory proceeding that was raised during the public comment period and was supported with sufficient information or documentation to enable the Director to fully consider the substance and significance of the issue. Utah Code Ann. 19-1-301.5 can be viewed at the following internet URL: <a href="http://le.utah.gov/~code/TITLE19/htm/19\_01\_030105.htm">http://le.utah.gov/~code/TITLE19/htm/19\_01\_030105.htm</a>.

## **Permit information**

Permittee Name: Holt Farms, LLC

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 130

Enterprise, UT 84725

Facility Location: One Mile West of Newcastle, Utah, Iron County

Holt Dairy LLC was issued a ground water discharge permit for a 5400-cow dairy operation in 2009. This permit is now being renewed for a 5-year term. Manure form the dairy is flushed from the barns and is then separated into liquid/solids fractions. The liquid fraction is stored in two anaerobic lagoons and is land applied during the growing season at agronomic rates. The solid fraction is composted and used on available land or sold off site. The permit requires wastes from the lagoon system to be disposed of in a manner that will not cause surface or ground water contamination and follows the comprehensive nutrient management plan. Because of site conditions there is little potential for ground water contamination. Permit compliance will be evaluated by measuring ground water elevations in monitor wells at the site to ensure an upward hydraulic gradient (artesian conditions) exists at the site during dairy operation.

# **Public Comments**

Public comments are invited any time prior to **Monday, September 14, 2015**. Written comments may be directed to the Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4870. All comments received prior to close of business **Monday, September 14, 2015**, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. A public hearing may be held if written requests are received within the first 15 days of this public comment period that demonstrate significant public interest and substantive issues exist to warrant holding a hearing.

### **Additional Information**

Additional information may be obtained upon request by contacting Mark Novak at (801) 536-4300 or <a href="mailto:mnovak@utah.gov">mnovak@utah.gov</a>, or by writing to the aforementioned address. Related documents are available for review during normal business hours at DWQ, 195 North 1950 West in Salt Lake City or on the DWQ web page at <a href="http://www.deq.utah.gov/NewsNotices/notices/water/index.htm">http://www.deq.utah.gov/NewsNotices/notices/water/index.htm</a>.

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