Purpose of Public Notice

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality is soliciting comments on its proposal to modify a ground water discharge permit described below under authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, Section 19-5-104(1)(I) Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended and Utah Administrative Code R317-6.

Permit Information

Permittee Name: Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation
Mailing Address: 4700 Daybreak Parkway
South Jordan, UT 84095
Facility Location: Bingham Canyon Mine, 18 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, adjacent to the town of Copperton Utah

Kennecott Utah Copper has requested the modification of their ground water discharge permit covering the operation of the Bingham Canyon Mine and water collection system. The mine is located in the Oquirrh Mountains approximately 18 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, Utah. Kennecott has proposed a modification of the permit to construct a new best available technology (BAT) lined pilot test heap leach pad with leak detection. This new pad will be located within the existing approved lined heap leach test pad and will be operated in a closed circuit with an updated solvent extraction/electro winning operation. A monitoring network of 43 wells is utilized for compliance monitoring of the Bingham Canyon Mine and water collection system.

Public Comments

Public comments are invited any time prior to Monday, June 27, 2011. 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, June 27, 2011, 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.

Further Information

Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling Dan Hall at (801) 536-4356 or by writing the aforementioned address. Related documents are available for review at the following website: www.waterquality.utah.gov or during normal business hours at the Division of Water Quality, 195 N. 1950 W., Salt Lake City.

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