

STATEMENT OF BASIS

Salt Lake City Department of Airports Ground Water Discharge Permit Renewal Permit No. UGW350005

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Introduction

Ground Water Discharge Permit UGW350005 for the Salt Lake City Department of Airports deicing operations storm water detention ponds and land application operation is being renewed for another 5-year term. The detention pond facility is located one mile north of I-80 and east of the new runway and the land application site is located at the northwest end of the airport property.

Facility Description

The detention pond facility is comprised of three cells with a holding capacity of 10 million gallons and is part of the glycol recycling plant. The ponds have a composite liner consisting of clay overlain by an ethylene interpolymer alloy flexible membrane liner. Runoff from airplane deicing areas is captured and diverted into the detention ponds where it is contained and recycled. Runoff may contain high concentrations of the deicing chemical propylene glycol. The use of ethylene glycol was discontinued in October 2006. Propylene glycol is rapidly degraded in all environmental media, and biodegradation is the most important transformation process in water and soil. The half-life of propylene glycol in water is expected to be one to four days under aerobic conditions, and three to five days under anaerobic conditions. The half-life in soil is expected to be equal to or less than that for water (ATSDR, 2008).

The 14.4-acre land application site located northwest of the ponds. Applications are conveyed through piping stemming from one of three ponds used for recycling glycol for spray irrigation. The application concentration will remain below 1% glycol and applied at a rate no greater than 1.6 inches as measured by a rainfall gauge. No surface runoff from the site is permitted. The land application program will cease if it is determined to produce an unacceptable nuisance condition. The source pond will contain the early stream flows that consist primarily of storm water run-off. As the monitored storm water concentration approaches 1% glycol, the flow will be diverted to the other two ponds. Fluids with concentrations greater than 1% will be recycled through the plant. On an as needed basis, small volumes of higher concentrated fluids have been discharged to the POTW.

Ground Water Quality

Ground water at the site is classified as Class IV Saline Ground Water based on total dissolved solids concentrations in excess of 10,000 mg/l. Depth to ground water varies seasonally from four (4) to 10 feet below ground surface. Based on the naturally high concentration of total dissolved solids, the shallow water table aquifer is not generally suited for domestic or industrial purposes without extensive treatment. No degradation of ground water is likely to occur, as confirmed by ground water and soil sample analytical results collected during and after each application season.

Monitoring Requirements

Ground water quality at the detention pond site is monitored semi-annually using four monitoring wells (MW-1 through MW-4) and ground water quality at the land application site is monitored after each season using two monitoring wells (PZ-1 and PZ-2). In addition, soil samples are collected at the three land application areas to monitor the impact of land application on subsurface soils. Ground water samples are analyzed for pH, conductivity, total dissolved solids, propylene glycol, and total petroleum hydrocarbons. Soil samples are analyzed for propylene glycol.

References

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