

ANTIDEGRADATION REVIEW FORM

UTAH DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

Instructions

The objective of antidegradation rules and policies is to protect existing high quality waters and set forth a process for determining where and how much degradation is allowable for socially and/or economically important reasons. In accordance with Utah Administrative Code (UAC R31 7-2-3), an antidegradation review (ADR) is a permit requirement for any project that will increase the level of pollutants in waters of the state. The rule outlines requirements for both Level I and Level II ADRs, as well as public comment procedures. This review form is intended to assist the applicant and Division of Water Quality (DWQ) staff in complying with the rule but is not a substitute for the complete rule in R31 7-2-3.5. Additional details can be found in the *Utah Antidegradation Implementation Guidance* and relevant sections of the guidance are cited in this review form.

ADRs should be among the first steps of an application for a UPDES permit because the review helps establish treatment expectations. The level of effort and amount of information required for the ADR depends on the nature of the project and the characteristics of the receiving water. To avoid unnecessary delays in permit issuance, the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) recommends that the process be initiated at least one year prior to the date a final approved permit is required.

DWQ will determine if the project will impair beneficial uses (Level I ADR) using information provided by the applicant and whether a Level II ADR is required. The applicant is responsible for conducting the Level II ADR. For the permit to be approved, the Level II ADR must document that all feasible measures have been undertaken to minimize pollution for socially, environmentally or economically beneficial projects resulting in an increase in pollution to waters of the state.

For permits requiring a Level II ADR, this antidegradation form must be completed and approved by DWQ before any UPDES permit can be issued. Typically, the ADR form is completed in an iterative manner in consultation with DWQ. The applicant should first complete the statement of social, environmental and economic importance (SEEI) in Part C and determine the parameters of concern (POC) in Part D. Once the POCs are agreed upon by DWQ, the alternatives analysis and selection of preferred alternative in Part E can be conducted based on minimizing degradation resulting from discharge of the POCs. Once the applicant and DWQ agree upon the preferred alternative, the review is considered complete, and the form must be signed, dated, and submitted to DWQ.

For additional clarification on the antidegradation review process and procedures, please contact Nicholas von Stackelberg (801-536-4374) or Jeff Ostermiller (801-536-4370).

Antidegradation Review Form

Part A: Applicant Information

Facility Name: Logan City Wastewater Treatment Facility

Facility Owner: Logan City

Facility Location: 450 North 1000 West, Logan, Utah 84321

Form Prepared By: Carollo Engineers, Inc., Inc.

Outfall Number: 001

Receiving Water: Swift Slough

What Are the Designated Uses of the Receiving Water (R317-2-6)?

Domestic Water Supply: None

Recreation: 2B - Secondary Contact

Aquatic Life: 3B - Warm Water Aquatic Life

Agricultural Water Supply: 4

Great Salt Lake: None

What is the application for? (check all that apply)

- A UPDES permit for a new facility, project, or outfall.
- A UPDES permit renewal with an expansion or modification of an existing wastewater treatment works.
- A UPDES permit renewal requiring limits for a pollutant not covered by the previous permit and/or an increase to existing permit limits.
- A UPDES permit renewal with no changes in facility operations.

Part B. Is a Level II ADR required?

This section of the form is intended to help applicants determine if a Level II ADR is required for specific permitted activities. In addition, the Executive Secretary may require a Level II ADR for an activity with the potential for major impact on the quality of waters of the state (R317-2-3.5a.1).

B1. The receiving water or downstream water is a Class IC drinking water source.

- Yes** A Level II ADR is required (Proceed to Part C of the Form)
- No** (Proceed to Part B2 of the Form)

B2. The UPDES permit is new or is being renewed and the proposed effluent concentration and loading limits are higher than the concentration and loading limits in the previous permit and any previous antidegradation review(s).

- Yes** (Proceed to Part B3 of the Form)
- No** No Level II ADR is required and there is no need to proceed further with review questions.

B3. Will any pollutants use assimilative capacity of the receiving water, i.e. do the pollutant concentrations in the effluent exceed those in the receiving waters at critical conditions? For most pollutants, effluent concentrations that are higher than the ambient concentrations require an antidegradation review. For a few pollutants such as dissolved oxygen, an antidegradation review is required if the effluent concentrations are less than the ambient concentrations in the receiving water. (Section 3.3.3 of Implementation Guidance)

- Yes** (Proceed to Part B4 of the Form)
- No** No Level II ADR is required and there is no need to proceed further with review questions.

B4. Are water quality impacts of the proposed project temporary and limited (Section 3.3.4 of Implementation Guidance)? Proposed projects that will have temporary and limited effects on water quality can be exempted from a Level II ADR.

Yes Identify the reasons used to justify this determination in Part B4.1 and proceed to Part G. No Level II ADR is required.

No A Level II ADR is required (Proceed to Part C)

B4.1 Complete this question only if the applicant is requesting a Level II review exclusion for temporary and limited projects (see R317-2-3.S(b)(3) and R317-2-3.S(b)(4)). For projects requesting a temporary and limited exclusion please indicate the factor(s) used to justify this determination (check all that apply and provide details as appropriate) (Section 3.3.4 of Implementation Guidance):

Water quality impacts will be temporary and related exclusively to sediment or turbidity and fish spawning will not be impaired.

Factors to be considered in determining whether water quality impacts will be temporary and limited:

- a) The length of time during which water quality will be lowered:
- b) The percent change in ambient concentrations of pollutants:
- c) Pollutants affected:
- d) Likelihood for long-term water quality benefits:
- e) Potential for any residual long-term influences on existing uses:
- f) Impairment of fish spawning, survival and development of aquatic fauna excluding fish removal efforts:

Additional justification, as needed:

Level II ADR

Part C, D, E, and F of the form constitute the Level II ADR Review. The applicant must provide as much detail as necessary for DWQ to perform the antidegradation review. Questions are provided for the convenience of applicants; however, for more complex permits it may be more effective to provide the required information in a separate report. Applicants that prefer a separate report should record the report name here and proceed to Part G of the form.

Optional Report Name: *City of Logan Wastewater Treatment Master Plan Update 2018*

Part C. Is the degradation from the project socially and economically necessary to accommodate important social or economic development in the area in which the waters are located? *The applicant must provide as much detail as necessary for DWQ to concur that the project is socially and economically necessary when answering the questions in this section. More information is available in Section 6.2 of the Implementation Guidance.*

C1. Describe the social and economic benefits that would be realized through the proposed project, including the number and nature of jobs created and anticipated tax revenues.

Logan City, USU, and the surrounding communities are a vital part of the State economy.

C2. Describe any environmental benefits to be realized through implementation of the proposed project.

The proposed project will meet the water quality standards established by the Cutler Reservoir TMDL for total phosphorus, and will meet the proposed limits for ammonia.

C3. Describe any social and economic losses that may result from the project, including impacts to recreation or commercial development.

The project will impose a heavy financial burden on local residents and will require monthly sewer rates higher than 1.4% MAGI.

C4. Summarize any supporting information from the affected communities on preserving assimilative capacity to support future growth and development.

C5. Please describe any structures or equipment associated with the project that will be placed within or adjacent to the receiving water.

Part D. Identify and rank (from increasing to decreasing potential threat to designated uses) the parameters of concern. *Parameters of concern are parameters in the effluent at concentrations greater than ambient concentrations in the receiving water. The applicant is responsible for identifying parameter concentrations in the effluent and DWQ will provide parameter concentrations for the receiving water. More information is available in Section 3.3.3 of the Implementation Guidance.*

Parameters of Concern:

Rank	Pollutant	Ambient Concentration	Effluent Concentration
1	Ammonia		6 mg/L
2	TP		3 mg/L
3	TN		20-25 mg/L
4	BODS		6 mg/L
5	TSS		8 mg/L

Pollutants Evaluated that are not Considered Parameters of Concern:

Pollutant	Ambient Concentration	Effluent Concentration	Justification

Part E. Alternative Analysis Requirements of a Level II

Antidegradation Review. *Level II ADRs require the applicant to determine whether there are feasible less-degrading alternatives to the proposed project. More information is available in Section 5.5 and 5.6 of the Implementation Guidance.*

E1. The UPDES permit is being renewed without any changes to flow or concentrations. Alternative treatment and discharge options including changes to operations and maintenance were considered and compared to the current processes. No economically feasible treatment or discharge alternatives were identified that were not previously considered for any previous antidegradation review(s).

Yes (Proceed to Part F)

No or Does Not Apply (Proceed to E2)

E2. Attach as an appendix to this form a report that describes the following factors for all alternative treatment options (see 1) a technical description of the treatment process, including construction costs and continued operation and maintenance expenses, 2) the mass and concentration of discharge constituents, and 3) a description of the reliability of the system, including the frequency where recurring operation and maintenance may lead to temporary increases in discharged pollutants. Most of this information is typically available from a Facility Plan, if available.

Report Name: *City of Logan Wastewater Treatment Master Plan Update 2018*

E3. Describe the proposed method and cost of the baseline treatment alternative. The baseline treatment alternative is the minimum treatment required to meet water quality based effluent limits (WQBEL) as determined by the preliminary or final waste load analysis (WLA) and any secondary or categorical effluent limits.

Ballasted Activated Sludge with 3-Stage Bardenpho

\$116,663,000.00 (2016 dollars)

E4. Were any of the following alternatives feasible and affordable?

Alternative	Feasible	Reason Not Feasible/Affordable
Pollutant Trading	No	not feasible for magnitude of pollutants to be removed
Water Recycling/Reuse	No	Not affordable
Land Application	No	Not affordable
Connection to Other Facilities	No	No other facilities with 18 mgd of spare capacity
Upgrade to Existing Facility	No	not affordable - see Bio-Dome alternative
Total Containment	No	not feasible
Improved O&M of Existing Systems	No	not able to meet permit limits
Seasonal or Controlled Discharge	No	not affordable
New Construction	Yes	proposed for preferred alternative
No Discharge	No	not feasible

E5. From the applicant's perspective, what is the preferred treatment option?

Ballasted Activated Sludge with 3-Stage Bardenpho Bioreactor

E6. Is the preferred option also the least polluting feasible alternative?

Yes

No

If no, what were less degrading feasible alternative(s)?

If no, provide a summary of the justification for not selecting the least polluting feasible alternative and if appropriate, provide a more detailed justification as an attachment.

Part F. Optional Information

F1. Does the applicant want to conduct optional public review(s) in addition to the mandatory public review? Level II ADRs are public noticed for a thirty day comment period. More information is available in Section 3.7.1 of the Implementation Guidance.

No

Yes

F2. Does the project include an optional mitigation plan to compensate for the proposed water quality degradation?

No

Yes

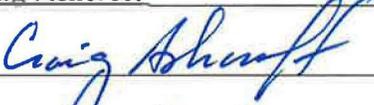
Report Name:

Part G. Certification of Antidegradation Review

G1. Applicant Certification

The form should be signed by the same responsible person who signed the accompanying permit application or certification.

Based on my inquiry of the person(s) who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information in this form and associated documents is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete.

Print Name: Craig Ashcroft
Signature: 
Date: 10/20/2018

G2. DWO Approval

To the best of my knowledge, the ADR was conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations outlined in UAC R-317-2-3.

Water Quality Management Section

Print Name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____