October 21, 2021

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE TO MODIFY AND REISSUE A UPDES PERMIT AND TO ISSUE A VARIANCE
TO THE TBPEL IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE
The purpose of this public notice is to declare the state of Utah's intention to modify and reissue a Utah pollutant discharge elimination system (UPDES) permit under authority of the Utah Water Pollution Control Act, section 19-5-104(9) and 107(2), Utah Code 1953, as amended. Said “Permit” refers to the UPDES permit and the fact sheet statement of basis (including total maximum daily loads (TMDL’s)) if applicable, as per section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA)]. The purpose of this public notice is also to declare the State of Utah's intention to grant a variance to the implementation deadline for Technology Based Phosphorus Effluent Limit (TBPEL) compliance to City of Moab Waste Water Treatment Plant District. Pursuant to UAC R317-1-3.3 and corresponding provisions of the Utah Water Quality Act.

PERMIT INFORMATION
PERMITTEE NAME:  City of Moab Waste Water Treatment Plant
MAILING ADDRESS:  217 East Center, Moab City, UT 84532
TELEPHONE NUMBER:  (435) 259-5577
FACILITY LOCATION:  1070 West 400 North, Moab City, in Grand County, Utah
UPDES PERMIT NO.:  UT0020419, UTL020419
PERMITTED OUTFALLS:  001
RECEIVING WATER:  Colorado River

BACKGROUND
The Moab Wastewater Treatment Facility (Moab or Facility) was originally built in the early fifties, and went through two minor upgrades in 1983 and in 1996. The facility was completely replaced on property across the street from the old facility and came on line in 2018 as the new facility. This permit has Biosolids components. The Storm Water Industrial components have been removed. Moab submitted a variance request, dated September 26, 2016 to the Utah Division of Water Quality “DWQ”, seeking a variance to the TBPEL implementation. The Variance Request is based on the fact that the Facility contributes a small percent of the phosphorus loading in the Colorado River which is not listed as impaired due to any nutrient load. The variance was issued June 15, 2018 and was valid through the remainder of the permit term. This Variance is being reissued and will be valid through the term of this renewal permit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on November 22, 2021. During the public comment period provided under R317-8-6.5, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing, if no hearing has already been scheduled.
A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Written public comments can be submitted to: Dan Griffin, UPDES Surface Water Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at dgriffin@utah.gov. All comments will be considered in making the final decision and shall be answered as provided in R317-8-6.12. After considering public comment, the Division of Water Quality may reissue, revise, or abandon it.

The Draft Permit, FSSOB, WLA, and TBPEL Variance are available for public review under “Public Participation” at www.waterquality.utah.gov. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Daniel Griffin at 801-536-4387.