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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE TO MODIFY A UPDES PERMIT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this public notice is to declare the state of Utah's intention to modify a Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) Permit under authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, Section 19-5-104 and 107, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended. Said "permit" refers to UPDES Permit and the Fact Sheet and Statement of Basis (including the total maximum daily loads (TMDL's)) if applicable, as per Section 303 (d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA).

PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME: PacifiCorp Deer Creek Mine
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 310, Huntington, UT 84528
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (435) 687-4712
FACILITY LOCATION: 15 North Main Street, Huntington, UT 84528
UPDES PERMIT NO.: UT0023604
OUTFALL: 003
RECEIVING WATERS: from Rilda Canyon to Huntington Creek

BACKGROUND

Deer Creek Mine is an underground coal mine which ceased production in January of 2015. The Deer Creek portal was sealed on April 18, 2015. Sealing the Deer Creek portal divided the underground workings into two halves both of which are filling up with water. Eventually there will be discharge from the Deer Creek portal and the Rilda Canyon portal. Discharge is not allowed in Rilda Canyon because it is within Forest Service boundaries; therefore a pipeline will be built from the Rilda Canyon Portal to the raw water pond at the Huntington Power Plant. The water would then be used consumptively for cooling water at the plant. If the Huntington Power Plant were to cease operation, PacifiCorp Deer Creek would need an alternate location for disposal of the Rilda Canyon drainage. As a result, Outfall 003 with discharge to Huntington Creek has been added to the Deer Creek Permit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on June 30, 2017. Written public comments can be submitted to: Mike Herkimer, UPDES Surface Water Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: mherkimer@utah.gov. After considering public comment the Director may execute the permit issuance, revise it or abandon it. The permit is available for public review at <http://www.deq.utah.gov/NewsNotices/notices/water/index.htm>. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Mike Herkimer 801-536-4386.

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