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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY  
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF UPDES PERMIT

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

The purpose of this public notice is to declare the state of Utah's intention to renew a Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UDPES) 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 Interwest Mining Company - Deer Creek Mine  
MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 310, Huntington, UT 84528  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 435-687-4712  
FACILITY LOCATION: ~8 miles northwest of Huntington, Utah  
UPDES PERMIT #: UT0023604  
PERMITTED OUTFALLS: 002 & 003  
RECEIVING WATERS: Huntington Creek

**BACKGROUND**

The Interwest Mining Company, a subsidiary of PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine (mine) is a former underground coal mine with standard industrial classification code 1222 for bituminous coal underground mining, which ceased operations in January 2015. The mine portals have since been sealed and there has been no mining activity since that time other than reclamation of the former mining areas in both Deer Creek and Rilda Canyons. There are two remaining active discharge points located approximately 8 miles northwest of Huntington, Utah in Emery County. This renewal permit will once again authorize the discharge of mine water from Outfalls 002 and 003 during the next five years.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on **January 10, 2020**. Written public comments can be submitted to: Jeff Studenka, UPDES Surface Water Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: [jstudenka@utah.gov](mailto:jstudenka@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 <https://deq.utah.gov/public-notices-archive/water-quality-public-notices>. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Jeff Studenka at 801-536-4395.

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