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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: Utah American Energy, Inc. - Lila Canyon Mine
MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 910, East Carbon, UT 84520
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 435-888-4026
FACILITY LOCATION: 23415 N. Lila Canyon Road, Emery County, UT
UPDES PERMIT #: UT0026018
PERMITTED OUTFALLS: 001, 002, & 003
RECEIVING WATERS: Lila Canyon Wash and Grassy Wash (tributaries to the Price River)

BACKGROUND

The Utah American Energy, Inc. - Lila Canyon Mine (Mine) is an active underground coal mining facility located in Lila Canyon, Emery County, Utah and discharges to ephemeral tributaries within the Price River watershed. The Mine currently holds this individual UPDES permit for its sanitary sewage and grey water system, which was newly constructed as part of the initial permit issuance in 2015. The Mine also has been historically covered under the UPDES Coal Mining General Permit No. UTG040024 for its mine water and sedimentation pond discharges, but has requested combining both permits into one UPDES Permit going forward. The Mine requested a combination permit because of increased flooded mine works which require increased dewatering, and thereby are no longer able to meet the flow limit requirement in the Coal Mining General Permit. The Mine currently has a total of three permitted Outfalls between the two UPDES permits that will now be combined into one UPDES permit making it more efficient to manage. Upon issuance of this renewal permit, coverage under the Coal Mining General Permit No. UTG040024 will automatically cease as appropriate. This UPDES renewal permit will once again authorize discharges from the Mine during the next five years.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on **October 26, 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. 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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