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

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO DECLARE THE STATE OF UTAH'S INTENTION TO 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 ANNOTATED 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).

PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME: Utah Land Resources, Inc. – West Ridge Mine
FACILITY ADDRESS: 794 C Canyon Road, East Carbon, Utah
MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 910, East Carbon, UT 84520
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 435-888-4000
UPDES PERMIT NUMBER: UT0025640
PERMITTED OUTFALLS: 001, 002
RECEIVING WATER: Grassy Trail Creek

BACKGROUND

The Utah Land Resources, Inc. West Ridge Mine (Mine) is an inactive underground coal mine facility with *Standard Industrial Classification Code 1222 - bituminous underground coal mining operations*. The Mine facility is located in "C Canyon," which is an ephemeral drainage to Grassy Trail Creek, in Carbon County just north of State Highway 123 near East Carbon, Utah. The Mine has been idled with temporarily sealed portals for several years and with no in-mine water pumping or treatment units currently active. The surface facilities have been used on a limited basis in support of the nearby Lila Canyon Mine. Currently, the only potential for a discharge is from Outfall 001 and the surface sedimentation ponds, which could potentially discharge if there was enough runoff from large precipitation events. The last discharge of any kind from the Mine was from Outfall 002 in the first quarter of 2016 and there has been no discharges from any outfall over the last 5-year permit period. It is not known if and when the Mine will be re-activated, but

Mine officials desire continuation of the UPDES permit so that if the Mine is re-activated in the next five years it can discharge without further delay. Changes from the previous permit include the removal of stormwater provisions and secondary treatment standards which no longer apply. See the Fact Sheet Statement of Basis for more information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

During the public comment period provided under Utah Administrative Code (UAC) 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. All comments will be considered in making the final decision and shall be answered as provided in UAC R317-8-6.12. Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on **June 20, 2022**. Written public comments can be submitted to: Jeff Studenka, UPDES Individual Permits Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: wqcomments@utah.gov. After considering public comment the Utah Division of Water Quality may execute the permit issuance, revise it, or abandon it. The permit is available for public review under “Public Notices” at <https://deq.utah.gov/division-water-quality>. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Jeff Studenka at 385-602-7303.