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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE TO RENEW A 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 (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: Ashley Valley Operating, LLC
MAILING ADDRESS: 55 Waugh Drive, Suite 550, Houston, TX 77007
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (281) 455-0552
FACILITY LOCATION: South 5500 East, Jensen, UT 84035
UPDES PERMIT NO.: UT0000035
PERMITTED OUTFALLS: 001
RECEIVING WATER: Un-named Ditch to Union Irrigation Canal and Ashley Creek to the Green River

BACKGROUND

Ashley Valley Operating, LCC is the current permit holder of Ashley Valley Operating, LCC, thus the Ashley Valley Unit North Production Facility located in Uintah County, near Jensen, Utah. Under normal operations the facility continuously discharges effluent, which consists of groundwater produced concurrently with oil production from Ashley Valley oil field. The produced water is separated from the oil by both mechanical and gravity means in treatment vessels along with three retention ponds in series. The final effluent discharges from a culvert leaving the third retention pond, and flows through an unnamed ditch approximately 1/4 of a mile to a private retention pond before continuing down an unnamed ditch approximately another 1/2 mile where it flows through a diversion structure, mixes with canal water, and flows into the Union Irrigation Canal. The canal has diverter to control whether water flows into Ashley Creek or provides for local irrigation. During irrigation season most, if not all, of the water is diverted into the Union Irrigation Canal. During the non-irrigation season most is diverted to Ashley Creek.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on **December 21, 2020**. Written public comments can be submitted to: Danielle Lenz, UPDES Surface Water Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: dlenz@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 Participation” at www.waterquality.utah.gov/. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Danielle Lenz at 801-536-4318.

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