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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: Canyon Fuel Company, LLC – SUFCO Mine  
FACILITY LOCATION: East of Salina, Utah off Interstate Highway I-70 Exit #73  
MAILING ADDRESS: 597 South S.R. 24, Salina, Utah 84654  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 435-286-4400  
UPDES PERMIT NUMBER: UT0024368  
PERMITTED OUTFALLS: 001, 002 & 003  
RECEIVING WATER: North Fork of Quitcupah Creek

**BACKGROUND**

The Canyon Fuel Company, LLC – SUFCO Mine (Mine) is an active underground coal mine facility with *Standard Industrial Classification Code 1222 - bituminous underground coal mining operations* and is located in Convulsion Canyon between Salina and Emery, Utah. The Mine has three discharge points known as Outfalls 001, 002, and 003. Outfall 003 discharges mine water on a continuous basis from a mine breakout point into the North Fork of Quitcupah Creek. The water discharged from Outfall 003 drops down through a steep culvert pipe with final impact on bedrock before entering the North Fork of Quitcupah Creek. Over the past five years, the discharge flow from Outfall 003 averaged 3.26 million gallons per day (MGD). Outfall 002, which collects any runoff and from the entire active mining area of the surface facilities, is from a second (lower) sedimentation pond in a series of two sedimentation ponds. Discharges from Outfall 002 occur regularly and are to the South Fork of the North Fork of Quitcupah Creek, also known as

East Spring Canyon Drainage. The discharges from Outfall 002 over the past 5 years had an average flow of 0.127 MGD. Outfall 001 is associated with previous mine dewatering operations and has not discharged in many years and is not anticipated to discharge in the foreseeable future. For additional information, refer to the draft permit and fact sheet.

### **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 **November 7, 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](mailto: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.