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PUBLIC NOTICE
REISSUANCE OF THE PESTICIDE GENERAL PERMIT
UTAH POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM, PERMIT, NO. UTG170000

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this public notice is to declare the State of Utah's intention to reissue the Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES), Pesticide General Permit, No. UTG170000, under authority of the Utah Water Pollution Control Act, Section 195-104 and 107, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended. This "permit" refers to the UPDES permit and Fact Sheet/Statement of Basis, and related permit forms and reports for public notice.

PERMIT INFORMATION

UPDES, Pesticide General Permit

Permit No. UTG170000

Expiration Date: November 30, 2026

BACKGROUND

The Clean Water Act (CWA) regulates pesticide applications to surface waters. As a state-delegated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to implement the CWA, Utah must implement the pesticide application requirements in the CWA and EPA's federal pesticide permit through Utah Administrative Code (UAC R317-8-9) and an UPDES pesticide permit. The reissuance of this Pesticide General Permit complies with CWA and federal permit requirements for pesticide application and discharges to surface waters of the State.

This pesticide permit allows pesticide operators such as governments, quasi-governments, special service districts, mosquito abatement districts, canal companies, hunting clubs, private contractors, corporations, companies, and other private entities and individuals to apply pesticides to surface waters of the State when applications are in compliance with this permit. All government and quasi-government entities are required to obtain the permit, regardless of the size of pest treatment areas. Private operators require the permit when they meet a treatment area threshold per permit requirements. In addition, there are special permit conditions for certain treatments in Utah Lake. The renewed permit will cover pesticide treatments to control: 1) mosquitos and other insects; 2)

weeds and plants; 3) nuisance animals, 4) forest canopy pests; and 5) algae, cyanobacteria, pathogens, and nutrient abatement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the close of business, on January 12, 2022. A public hearing can be requested, although must be filed during the comment period. Written comments can be submitted to: Don Hall, Environmental Scientist, Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114-4870 or by email: dghall@utah.gov. After considering public comments, the Utah Water Quality Board may execute the permit issuance, revise the permit, or abandon reissuance of this permit.

The pesticide permit and associated documents are available for public review at <https://deq.utah.gov/public-notices-archive/water-quality-public-notices>. If internet access is not available to you, a copy of the permit may be obtained by calling Don Hall (801) 536-4492. If you have any questions, please contact Don Hall at dghall@utah.gov.