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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY  
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
UTAH POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (UPDES),  
PESTICIDE GENERAL PERMIT, UTG170000

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ) Division of water quality (DWQ) is holding a public hearing to solicit comments on the proposed UPDES Pesticide General Permit (PGP), Permit Number UTG170000. DWQ previously provided a 30-day period for public comments on the proposed permit. The public comment period was open from December 12, 2021 through January 12, 2022. During the PGP's public comment period, DWQ received 37 comments with 30 of the 37 commenters requesting a public hearing. In addition, several commenters provided comments on specific permit content. Based on the comments received, DWQ will hold a public hearing. As required by Utah Administrative Code R317-8-6.5(2)(b), DWQ is providing a 30-day notice of the public hearing. The hearing will be in-person and virtual. In addition, DWQ will also accept new written comments on the permit prior to March 7, 2022.

**HEARING INFORMATION**

PERMIT: UPDES, Pesticide General Permit, Permit Number UTG170000  
AGENCY: Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality  
HEARING LOCATION: Multi-Agency State Office Building, WQ Board Room #1015  
ADDRESS OF HEARING: 195 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870  
DATE: Monday, March 7, 2022  
MEETING TIME: 6:00-7:15 PM  
STAFF COMMENTS: 6:00-6:15 PM  
PUBLIC COMMENTS: 6:15-7:15 PM  
VIRTUAL MEETING LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88574909802>  
Meeting ID: 885 7490 9802  
SPECIAL NEEDS: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with special needs (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) should contact the Utah State Accessibility website at <https://www.utah.gov/accessibility.html>.

**PERMIT BACKGROUND**

The 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 have discharges to surface waters of the State when pesticide applications and discharges are in compliance with permit requirements. 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. This proposed permit, if issued, 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.

The proposed PGP, fact sheet and statement of basis, related forms, and hearing agenda can be obtained by contacting Don Hall at [dghall@utah.gov](mailto:dghall@utah.gov) or (801) 536-4492. New written comments can be submitted to DWQ by contacting Don Hall prior to the hearing on March 7, 2022.

### **HEARING COMMENTS**

For comments intended for the hearing, it is recommended that written comments be prepared prior to providing oral comments at the hearing. Oral comments made during the hearing will be recorded. Oral comments are welcome at the hearing, but questions and discussion will not be provided. DWQ will not respond to comments at the hearing. In addition to oral comments, written comments will also be accepted at the hearing. DWQ will prepare a written response to the oral and written comments soon after the hearing.

For questions or information regarding the hearing, please contact Don Hall at (801) 536-4492 or [dghall@utah.gov](mailto:dghall@utah.gov).