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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 on March 14, 2022 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 notice, DWQ received 37 comments. In addition, DWQ held a public hearing on March 7, 2022 to receive comments. Between the close of the public notice and the hearing on March 7th, DWQ accepted additional written comments. There has been significant interest the permit renewal, therefore DWQ will hold an additional hearing to receive additional comments from the public and permitted pesticide operators. The hearing will be in-person and virtual.

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 14, 2022**
MEETING TIME: 6:00-7:00 PM
STAFF COMMENTS: 6:00-6:15 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 PGP 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 PGP coverage, regardless of the size of pest treatment areas. Private operators require PGP coverage when they meet a treatment area threshold per permit requirements. In addition, the draft permit includes new 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 or (801) 536-4492.

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 with DWQ staff will not be provided. The purpose of the hearing is to hear public comments on the permit. 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.