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Division of Water Quality
Utah Department of Environmental Quality
Public Notice of Intent to Renew Ground Water Discharge Permit
Permit No. UGW350006

Purpose of Public Notice

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is soliciting comments on the request to renew a ground water discharge permit as described below. The ground water discharge permit is issued by the Director of the Division of Water Quality under authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, Section 19-5-106(g) Utah Code Ann. 1953, as amended and Utah Administrative Code R317-6. Under Section 19-1-301.5, effective May 8, 2012, a person who wishes to challenge a Permit Order may only raise an issue or argument during an adjudicatory proceeding that was raised during the public comment period and was supported with sufficient information or documentation to enable the Director to fully consider the substance and significance of the issue. Utah Code Ann. 19-1-301.5 can be viewed at the following internet URL: le.utah.gov/xcode/Title19/Chapter1/19-1-S301.5.html

Permit Information

Permittee: Rio Tinto Kennecott

Mailing Address: 4700 Daybreak Parkway
South Jordan, Utah 84095

Facility Location: Salt Lake County, Utah

Rio Tinto Kennecott has requested renewal of the ground water discharge permit that covers operation of their Large Bingham reservoir system located just south of the town of Copperton in Salt Lake County. The reservoir system consists of 2 zones within the large reservoir, and the desilting basin primarily used to remove silt and debris from storm water flow prior to entering Zones 1 and 2 of the large reservoir. The large reservoir is utilized to contain storm water runoff from the mine and waste rock dumps, as well as ground water pumped as a result of remediation activities. The reservoir is designed with leak detection sumps that are monitored weekly to verify the integrity of the HDPE liner and detect leaks, should they occur.

Public Comments

Public comments are invited any time through close of business on **Thursday, February 24, 2021**. Written comments may be directed to the Division of Water Quality (DWQ), PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4870. All comments received prior to close of business on **Thursday, February 24, 2021**, will be considered in the formulation of final conditions to be imposed on the permit.

Additional Information

Additional information may be obtained upon request by contacting Brian Hamos at (801) 536-4384 or bhamos@utah.gov or by writing to the aforementioned address. Related documents are available for review during normal business hours at DWQ, 195 North 1950 West in Salt Lake City or on the DWQ web page at deq.utah.gov/public-notices-archive/water-quality-public-notices

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