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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE OF REISSUANCE OF THE SALT LAKE CITY INDIVIDUAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM PERMIT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this public notice is to declare the state of Utah's intention to renew/reissue a Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) permit under authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, Section 19-5-104 and 107, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended. Said "permit" refers to UPES permit and the statement of basis, including the total maximum daily loads (TMDL's) if applicable, as per section 303 (d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA).

PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMIT NAME: Salt Lake City Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) UPDES Permit

PERMIT NO: UTS000002

BACKGROUND

The Federal Clean Water Act requires that storm water discharges from certain types of facilities be authorized under storm water discharge Permits. (See 40 CFR 122.26.) The goal of the storm water Permits program is to reduce the amount of pollutants entering streams, lakes and rivers as a result of runoff from residential, commercial and industrial areas. The original 1990 regulation (Phase I) covered municipal (i.e., publicly-owned) storm sewer systems for municipalities over 100,000 population. The regulation was expanded in 1999 to include smaller municipalities. This expansion of the program to include small MS4s is referred to as Phase II. Salt Lake City encompasses approximately 110 square miles within the lower Jordan River Basin and is comprised of a population in excess of 186,440. Salt Lake City is defined as a medium municipality (Utah Administrative Code "UAC" R317-8- 1.6(7)) and is required to maintain a Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) storm water permit (UAC R317-8-11.3(1)(a)).

The State of Utah was granted primacy in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program by USEPA in 1987. In Utah, storm water discharge Permits are issued by the "Director". Utah's program is known as the Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) Program. The requirements of this Permit are intended to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practicable and meet water quality standards through the development and implementation of a Storm Water Management Program (SWMP).

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This Permit serves as a re-issuance or replacement of the previous Salt Lake City Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Permit, UTS000002, issued February 1, 2015. This Permit is intended to cover new or existing discharges composed entirely of storm water from the Salt Lake City metropolitan area, which is required by the State to obtain permit coverage.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to of the close of business on <u>June 7, 2021</u>. Written public comments can be submitted to: Leanna Littler-Woolf, General Permitting Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: lnlittler@utah.gov. After considering public comment the Utah Water Quality Board may execute the permit change, revise it, or abandon it. The permit and associated documents are 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 Leanna Littler-Woolf at 801-536-4397.

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