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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY  
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
PUBLIC NOTICE TO RENEW A UPDES PERMIT

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO DECLARE THE STATE OF UTAH'S INTENTION TO RENEW A UTAH POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (UPDES) PERMIT UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE UTAH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, SECTION 19-5-104(9) AND 107(2), UTAH CODE ANNOTATED 1953, AS AMENDED. SAID "PERMIT" REFERS TO THE UPDES PERMIT AND THE FACT SHEET STATEMENT OF BASIS (INCLUDING TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDL'S)) IF APPLICABLE, AS PER SECTION 303(D) OF THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA)].

**PERMIT INFORMATION**

PERMITTEE NAME: PacifiCorp  
FACILITY NAME: Cottonwood-Wilberg Mine  
MAILING ADDRESS: 1407 West North Temple, Suite 110, Salt Lake City, UT 84116  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 801-220-2737  
FACILITY LOCATION: ~10 miles northwest of Orangeville, UT  
UPDES PERMIT NO.: UT0022896  
PERMITTED OUTFALLS: 001  
OUTFALL LOCATION: latitude 39°19'03"N and longitude 111°11'22"W  
RECEIVING WATER: Cottonwood Canyon Creek

**BACKGROUND**

The PacifiCorp Cottonwood-Wilberg Mine (Mine) is a former underground coal mine with standard industrial classification code 1222 for bituminous coal underground mining which ceased operations in 2001. The Mine portals have since been sealed and there has been no mining activity other than reclamation of the former mining areas. There is one remaining active discharge point as a result of a continuous low-flow discharge of groundwater from the former Mine portal pipeline located in Emery County, Utah at latitude 39°19'03"N and longitude 111°11'22"W (Outfall 001). Outfall 001 has had an average daily flow rate of 0.042 million gallons per day discharging to a culvert into Cottonwood Canyon Creek since the Mine operations ceased in 2001. Since then, all other previously permitted discharge points have been removed from service upon final reclamation as completed in 2019. This renewal permit will authorize the discharge of groundwater from Outfall 001 during the next five years as appropriate. For additional information, please refer to the draft permit and fact sheet documents.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

During the public comment period provided under Utah Administrative Code (UAC) R317-8-6.5, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. All comments will be considered in making the final decision and shall be answered as provided in UAC R317-8-6.12.

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on **January 22, 2024**. Written public comments can be submitted to: Jeff Studenka, UPDES Individual Permits Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: [jstudenka@utah.gov](mailto:jstudenka@utah.gov).

After considering public comments, the Utah Division of Water Quality may execute the permit issuance, revise it, or abandon it. The permit is available for public review under "Public Participation" at [www.waterquality.utah.gov/](http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/) and at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html>. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Jeff Studenka at (385) 602-7303.