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

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO DECLARE THE STATE OF UTAH'S INTENTION TO REISSUE 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: Fossil Rock Resources, LLC  
FACILITY NAME: Fossil Rock Mine  
MAILING ADDRESS: 9815 South Monroe Street, Sandy, UT 84070  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 801-852-0110  
FACILITY LOCATION: ~10 miles northwest of Orangeville, Utah  
UPDES PERMIT NO.: UT0023728  
PERMITTED OUTFALLS: 001, 002, 003  
OUTFALL LOCATIONS: 001: latitude 39° 19' 00" N and longitude 111° 11' 20" W  
002: latitude 39° 19' 03" N and longitude 111° 11' 25" W  
003: latitude 39° 17' 43" N and longitude 111° 7' 18" W  
RECEIVING WATER: Cottonwood Canyon Creek, Grimes Wash

**BACKGROUND**

Fossil Rock Resources, LLC – Fossil Rock Mine (Mine) is an inactive underground coal mine facility with standard industrial classification (SIC) code 1222 for bituminous coal underground mining. The Mine ceased operations in 2001 with the Mine portals having since been sealed and with no active mining activity since that time. There are currently three permitted discharge outfalls, none of which have reported any discharges for several years while the Mine has remained inactive and idled. Any discharges from Outfall 001 would be from an onsite sedimentation pond for collecting surface runoff from precipitation and snowmelt events at the Mine facility, while any discharges from Outfall 002 would be from active Mine dewatering operations. Discharges from Outfall 003 would be from a sedimentation pond that collects surface runoff from precipitation and snowmelt events at the Mine's nearby waste rock site. This permit renewal will once again authorize any potential future discharges from the Mine 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 **March 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/). If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Jeff Studenka at (385) 602-7303.