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

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this public notice is to declare the Director of the Division of Water Quality's intention to modify a Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) Permit under the authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, Utah Code § 19-5-106(2)(g). The draft Permit and the Fact Sheet (collectively, the draft Permit documents) are available for review and comment.

PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME: Alton Coal Development, LLC

FACILITY NAME: Coal Hollow Project

MAILING ADDRESS: 463 North 100 West, Cedar City, Utah 84721

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (435) 691-1551

FACILITY LOCATION: 2060 South Alton Road, Alton, Utah

UPDES PERMIT NO.: UT0025992

PERMITTED OUTFALLS: 001-A, 001-B, 002, 003, 004, 007

RECEIVING WATERS: Lower Robinson Creek, Sink Valley Wash, Kanab Creek OUTFALL LOCATIONS: 001-A: latitude 37° 24' 13", longitude 112° 27' 13"

001-B: latitude 37° 24' 11", longitude 112° 27' 16" 002: latitude 37° 24' 7.51", longitude 112° 27' 42.16" 003: latitude 37° 23' 50.31", longitude 112° 27' 52.40"

004: latitude 37° 23' 00.66", longitude 112° 27' 7.21" 007: latitude 37° 25' 13.95", longitude 112° 28' 8.40"

BACKGROUND

The Alton Coal Development, LLC (ACD) operates the Coal Hollow Project Mine (Mine) located near the Town of Alton in Kane County, Utah. The ACD Mine includes the areas known as the South Private Lease and North Private Lease and is currently an inactive surface coal mine operation, but with previous mining areas that are in the ongoing process of reclamation. The ACD Mine has requested this Permit modification which will update the Outfall inventory and location information as described in the Permit. Please refer to the draft Permit documents for more information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R317-8-6(6.6), any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit documents 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

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hearing. All comments will be considered in making the final decision and shall be answered as provided in Utah Admin. Code R317-8-6(6.12).

Commenters have an affirmative obligation to raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material. Supporting material must be included in full and may not be incorporated by reference, unless the material is already part of the administrative record.

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on **September 11, 2025**. 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.

After considering public comments, the Director of the Division of Water Quality will issue a final Permit decision. The draft Permit documents are available for public review under "Public Participation" at www.waterquality.utah.gov/. Additionally, if internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Jeff Studenka at (385) 602-7303.

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