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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO RENEW 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 renew 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:	Scout Energy Management, LLC
FACILITY NAME:	Ashley Valley Unit North Production Facility
MAILING ADDRESS:	13800 Montfort Drive, Dallas, TX 75240
TELEPHONE NUMBER:	(972) 505-3842
FACILITY LOCATION:	South 5500 East, Jensen, UT 84035
UPDES PERMIT NO.:	UT0000035
PERMITTED OUTFALLS:	001
OUTFALL LOCATION:	Latitude 40.366969° and longitude -109.414831°
RECEIVING WATER:	One of two un-named ditches to Union Irrigation Canal and Ashley Valley Creek to the Green River

BACKGROUND

Scout Energy Management, LLC (Scout) is the current permit holder of Ashley Valley Oil Fields, and, thus, the Ashley Valley Unit North Production Facility (Facility), located in Uintah County near Jensen, Utah. Scout became the Permit holder effective November 1, 2024. The Facility has a Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 1311 for crude petroleum and natural gas extraction. Under normal operations, the Facility continuously discharges effluent, which consists of groundwater produced concurrently with oil production from the Ashley Valley Oil Field. The produced water is separated from the oil by both mechanical and gravity means in treatment vessels along with three retention ponds in series. The final effluent discharges from a culvert leaving the third retention pond, and flows through one of two paths into an unnamed ditch. Discharge through either path eventually flows into the Union Irrigation Canal where it mixes with canal water before flowing through a diversion structure. The canal features a diverter that controls whether water flows into Ashley Creek or is diverted for local irrigation. During irrigation season, most, if not all, of the water is diverted into the Union Irrigation Canal. During the non-irrigation season, most is diverted to Ashley Creek. 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

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 **December 15, 2025**. Written public comments can be submitted to: Lindsay Cowles, UPDES Individual Permits Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: lcowles@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 Lindsay Cowles at (385) 414-0311.