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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: 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**

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 falls under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code 1221, for Bituminous Coal and Lignite Surface Mining, and includes the areas known as the South Private Lease and North Private Lease and currently remains an inactive surface coal mine operation, but with previous mining areas that are in the ongoing process of reclamation through the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining. ACD anticipates restarting mining operations in the near future, however, and therefore has applied for a continuation of their UPDES Permit (Permit) for any future discharges over the next five years as appropriate. 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

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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 **April 27, 2026**. 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 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/](http://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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