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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY  
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
PUBLIC NOTICE TO ISSUE A SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

The purpose of this public notice is to declare the State of Utah's intention to issue a Section 401 Water Quality Certification with Conditions under the authority of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341), and consistent with the Utah Water Quality Act, Title 19, Chapter 5, Utah Code and Utah Administrative Code R317-15.

**PERMIT INFORMATION**

PERMITTEE NAME: The Salt Lake International Airport  
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 145550, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114  
PROJECT LOCATION: West Terminal Drive, Salt Lake City Utah, 84122  
CERTIFICATION NO.: DWQ-2025-11001  
WATERCOURSES: Surplus Canal, North Point Canal, Ponds and Wetlands

**BACKGROUND**

The Salt Lake City International Airport (the Project Proponent) is proposing the Airport Surplus Canal Relocation Project (Proposed Project), an essential infrastructure expansion situated on 280 acres at the former Wingpointe Golf Course in Salt Lake City, Utah. This project is designed to accommodate increasing aviation traffic, meet rising parking demand, and enhance airfield safety through the construction of a South End-Around Taxiway (SEAT) and a large-capacity parking facility for passengers and employees. Additional project elements include a new access road, a stormwater detention pond, a pump station, a sewer lift station, and necessary road realignments.

The development will result in 62.33 acres of permanent impacts to aquatic resources, which includes 38.69 acres (15,817 linear feet) of the Surplus Canal, North Point Canal, and onsite ponds, as well as 23.64 acres of wetlands that will be permanently filled. While various alternative sites and designs were evaluated, they were deemed infeasible due to stringent aviation safety, security, and operational requirements. To compensate for these aquatic impacts, the Project Proponent proposes to purchase credits from the Machine Lake Wetland Mitigation Bank. Furthermore, the Proponent commits to obtaining all necessary permits and implementing construction measures to minimize disturbances outside the project footprint.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on **May 14, 2026**. Written public comments can be submitted to: Linsey Shafer, General Permitting Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at:

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wqcomments@utah.gov. After considering public comments the Utah Division of Water Quality may execute the Certification issuance, revise it or abandon it. The Certification is available for public review under <https://deq.utah.gov/public-notices-archive/water-quality-public-notices> A copy may be obtained by contacting Utah Division of Water Quality at (801) 536-4300.

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