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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: Arches Special Service District
FACILITY NAME: Courthouse Wash Wastewater Treatment Facility
MAILING ADDRESS: 1863 North Hwy 191, Moab, UT 84532
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (435) 259-2628
FACILITY LOCATION: Same as above
UPDES PERMIT NO.: UT0025828
PERMITTED OUTFALLS: 001, 002
OUTFALL LOCATION: 001: Internal discharge point from the wastewater treatment process
002: LAT 38°36'16" N and LONG 109°34'57" W
RECEIVING WATER: Colorado River

BACKGROUND

The influent of the Courthouse Wash Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) consists of water from two hotels and one business, which conducts Colorado River guided tours. The Facility consists of a super settler, a plate settler, and a membrane treatment system. A neutralization tank also collects water from the membranes' acid and caustic cleaning processes. The backwash from the membranes is also discharged. The Permit is a renewal permit for discharge from the Facility. See the Permit and Fact Sheet for more information.

The draft Permit documents were initially on Public Notice from July 15, 2025, to August 14, 2025. Arches Special Service District (Permittee) requested a two-week extension of the Public Notice period, which was granted by the Utah Division of Water Quality (DWQ), and extended the Public Notice Comment Period until August 29, 2025. The Permittee submitted comments on the draft Permit in the form of a letter dated August 29, 2025. In response to those comments, the Permit and Fact Sheet have been modified.

A Level II Antidegradation Review (ADR) was also completed as part of this renewal. It was Public Noticed without comment during the initial Public Notice comment period. Since there were no comments, the ADR is not being included in this Public Notice.

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 **May 20, 2026**. Written public comments can be submitted to: Lonnie Shull, UPDES Individual Permits Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: lshull@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 Lonnie Shull at (385) 600-4035.