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**Division of Water Quality
Utah Department of Environmental Quality
Public Notice of Intent to Issue
Draft Operator Certification Decision No. UTGSL-OCD-001**

Purpose of Public Notice

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is soliciting comments on the request to issue a draft Operator Certification Decision as described below. The draft Operator Certification Decision is issued by the Director of the Division of Water Quality under authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, Utah Code 19-5-106(g) and Utah Admin. Code R317-16-6. Under Utah Code 19-1-301.5, effective May 8, 2012, a person who wishes to challenge a Permit Order may only raise an issue or argument during an adjudicatory proceeding that was raised during the public comment period and was supported with sufficient information or documentation to enable the Director to fully consider the substance and significance of the issue. Utah Code 19-1-301.5 can be viewed at the following internet URL: <https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title19/Chapter1/19-1-S301.5.html>.

Permit Information

Permittee Name:	Waterleaf Resources, LLC
Mailing Address:	9350 South 150 East, Suite 710 Sandy, Utah 84070
Facility Location:	Western Slope Promontory Mountains Unincorporated Box Elder County, Utah Discharge located at latitude 41° 26' 44.47" and longitude 112° 42' 25.25"

Waterleaf Resources, LLC has requested a draft operator certification decision (No. UTGSL-OCD-001) to cover the operation of lithium extraction from Gunnison Bay, Great Salt Lake (GSL), at its Great Salt Lake Lithium Project Commercial Plant in Box Elder County, Utah. Additional information on the location and details of primary facilities associated with the Great Salt Lake Lithium Project Commercial Plant can be found in the associated Operation Certification Application.

Public Comments

Public comments are invited at any time prior to **17, July, 2026**. Written comments may be directed to the Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4870. All comments received prior to close of business on **17, July, 2026**, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the operator certification.

Public Hearing

From Utah Admin. Code R317-16-6(4): “The director may, at the director's discretion, hold a public hearing to take oral comments if: (a) the director receives a request in writing not more than 15 days after the publication date of the draft certification decision; and (b) the request is from: (i) another state agency; (ii) ten interested persons; or (iii) an interested association having not fewer than ten members”.

Further Information

Additional information may be obtained upon request by contacting Jim Harris at 385.552.1362 or jamesharris@utah.gov by writing to the aforementioned address. Related documents are available for review during normal business hours at the Division of Water Quality, 195 North 1950 West in Salt Lake City or on the Division’s web page at <https://deq.utah.gov/public-notices-archive/water-quality-public-notices>.

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