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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:	Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
FACILITY NAME:	Soldier Canyon Mine
MAILING ADDRESS:	PO Box 1029, Wellington, Utah 84542
TELEPHONE NUMBER:	435-775-2062
FACILITY LOCATION:	Nine Mile Canyon Road, ~12 miles northeast of Wellington, Utah
UPDES PERMIT NO.:	UT0023680
PERMITTED OUTFALLS:	001, 002, 003
OUTFALL LOCATIONS:	001: Latitude 39° 42' 02" north, Longitude 110° 36' 39" west 002: Latitude 39° 41' 52" north, Longitude 110° 36' 42" west 003: Latitude 39° 42' 09" north, Longitude 110° 36' 38" west
RECEIVING WATER:	Soldier Creek

BACKGROUND

The Canyon Fuel Company, LLC - Soldier Canyon Mine (Mine) is an inactive underground coal mine facility with Standard Industrial Classification Code 1222, for bituminous underground coal mining operations. The Mine facility is located approximately 12 miles northeast of Wellington, Utah in Soldier Canyon off Nine Mile Canyon Road. The Mine has been idled with temporarily sealed portals for over 20 years and has had no in-mine dewatering activities during that time. The surface facilities were previously used on a limited basis in support of the nearby Canyon Fuel Company's Dugout Canyon Mine. Currently, the only potential for a discharge is from Outfall 002 at the surface sedimentation pond, which could discharge if there was enough runoff from precipitation events. The last discharge from the Mine resulted from large storm events discharging via Outfall 002 in September of 2013. Otherwise, there have been no discharges from any Outfall since 2013. The Mine has recently started reclamation activities through coordination with the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and it is unlikely the Mine will be re-activated in the future, however Mine officials desire continuation of the UPDES Permit (Permit) for any potential 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 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 **August 10, 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.

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 Jeff Studenka at (385) 602-7303.