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**Notice of Limited Extension of Comment Period
Waterleaf Phase I, LLC Level II Antidegradation Review**

Purpose of Public Notice

On July 28, 2026, the Director of the Utah Division of Water Quality issued a public notice providing a 30-day review period of the Level II Antidegradation Review (ADR) required for Waterleaf Phase 1, LLC's Great Salt Lake Phase 1 Lithium Extraction Project (First Public Comment Period).

After considering the comments received during the First Public Comment Period, the Director requested modifications to the Level II ADR to address concerns raised. Specifically, information on the manganese treatment system (Section 2.3.1), the parameters of concern (Section 5 and Section 10), and the alternatives analysis (Section 6) were updated. In addition, the requirements for chlorine monitoring (Section 5.2) were clarified. The update also includes other minor corrections and process clarifications.

The public comment period is being extended for the narrow purpose of making the updated information available for public comment. The Director solicits comments only on the updated information identified in this Notice. To help identify the updated information in the ADR report, both a redlined version capturing the revisions, and a final version, are attached to this Notice. Concerning the previously noticed Level II ADR, the Director will only consider comments submitted on or before August 27, 2026, and will summarily disregard comments that are duplicative, late, or out of scope.

Permit Information

PERMITTEE NAME: Waterleaf Phase 1, LLC
FACILITY NAME: Great Salt Lake Phase 1 Lithium Extraction Project
FACILITY LOCATION: Western Slope Promontory Mountains
Unincorporated Box Elder Co.
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RECEIVING WATER: Gunnison Bay, Great Salt Lake

Public Comments

Public comments are invited at any time prior to **5:00 pm on October 8, 2026**. Written comments may be submitted to: Nicholas Von Stackelberg, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: nvonstackelberg@utah.gov. The Director will consider all comments in making a final decision.

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. Under Utah Code § 19-1-301.5, 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.

The permit is available for public review under 'Public Participation' at <https://deq.utah.gov/general/public-notice> and on the Utah Public Notice Website. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Nicholas Von Stackelberg at (801) 536-4374, or in person at 195 N. 1950 W., Salt Lake City, Utah 84116.

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