

**Division of Water Quality
Utah Department of Environmental Quality
Public Notice of Modification for Ground Water Discharge Permit
Permit No. UGW350010**

Purpose of Public Notice

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is soliciting comments on a proposal to modify a ground water discharge permit described below under authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, Section 19-5-108(2) Utah Code Ann. 1953, as amended and Utah Administrative Code R317-6. Under Section 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 Ann. 19-1-301.5 can be viewed at the following internet URL: http://le.utah.gov/~code/TITLE19/htm/19_01_030105.htm.

Permit Information

Permittee: Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation

Mailing Address: 4700 Daybreak Parkway, South Jordan, UT 84095

Facility Location: Bingham Canyon Mine, 18 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, adjacent to the town of Copperton, Utah

Kennecott Utah Copper has requested a modification of ground water discharge permit UGW 350010, which covers the operation of the Bingham Canyon Mine and water collection system. The mine is located in the Oquirrh Mountains approximately 18 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, Utah. The purpose of this modification is to include the East Waste Rock Extension (EWRE) in the Bingham Canyon Mine and water collection system permit, as well as to update the permit and appendices since the last renewal of the permit in 2010. The modified permit will cover the additional infrastructure and replacements to the Bingham Canyon Mine water collection system as described in the draft modified permit, statement of basis, permit appendices, and permit modification application. The original and modified permit include a number of source control measures, most importantly the cessation of active leaching, source control, Dry Fork corrective action and adoption of a mine closure plan. The discharge minimization basis of the permit will be achieved and maintained through this approach including a capture system using 26 alluvial cut-off walls. A monitoring network of 43 wells is utilized for compliance monitoring of the Bingham Canyon Mine and water collection system.

Public Comments

Public comments are invited any time prior to **Friday, April 26, 2013**. Written comments may be directed to the Division of Water Quality (DWQ), P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4870. All comments received prior to close of business to **Friday, April 26, 2013**, will be considered in the formulation of final conditions to be imposed on the permit.

Additionally, DWQ will hold two informational meetings on the proposed permit modification and a formal public hearing to receive comments from individuals or interested parties. The first informational meeting will be held on Thursday March 21, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in DEQ Board Room 1015 at 195 North 1950 West in Salt Lake City. A second informational meeting, followed by a formal public hearing, will be held on Monday April 8, 2013 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the Daybreak Community Center, 4544 West Harvest Moon Drive in South Jordan. A formal public hearing will be held immediately after the informational meeting in South Jordan to receive public comments on the proposed permit modification. Written comments may also be submitted at the informational meetings and associated public hearing.

Additional Information

Additional information may be obtained upon request by contacting Dan Hall at (801) 536-4356 or dhall@utah.gov or by writing to the aforementioned address. Related documents are available for review during normal business hours at DWQ, 195 North 1950 West in Salt Lake City or on the DWQ web page at <http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/PublicNotices/index.htm>.

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