

**Division of Water Quality  
Utah Department of Environmental Quality  
Public Notice of Ground Water Discharge Permit by Rule**

**Purpose of Public Notice**

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality is soliciting comments on its proposal to issue a ground water discharge permit by rule described below under authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, Section 19-5-104(1)(I) Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended and Utah Administrative Code R317-6.

**Permit Information**

Permittee Name: MCW Energy Group

Mailing Address: 344 Mira Loma Avenue  
Glendale, California 91024

Facility Location: The Northwest Asphalt Ridge area in Uintah County about three miles west of Vernal in the NW ¼ of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 20 East, Salt Lake Base and Meridian.

MCW Energy Group proposes to conduct a pilot project to extract bitumen from oil sands using a proprietary solvent extraction process that was developed and is in use in the Ukraine. No mining will be done at the site; oil sands ore will be stockpiled on site on a lined pad. The permit-by-rule is based on total containment of potential contaminants and discharge prevention to the subsurface. Solvents will be stored in aboveground storage tanks with secondary containment and the unprocessed ore and processed oil sands will be stored in engineered cells constructed with perimeter berms and synthetic liners. No water will be used in the extraction process and there are no perennial streams near the pilot plant site.

**Public Comments**

Public comments are invited any time prior to **January 23, 2012**. Written comments may be directed to the Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4870. All comments received prior to close of business **January 23, 2012** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. A public hearing may be held if written requests are received within the first 15 days of this public comment period that demonstrate significant public interest and substantive issues exist to warrant holding a hearing.

**Further Information**

Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling Mark Novak at (801) 536-4358 or by writing the aforementioned address. Related documents are available for review at the following website: **[www.waterquality.utah.gov](http://www.waterquality.utah.gov)** or during normal business hours at the Division of Water Quality, 195 N. 1950 W., Salt Lake City.

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