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Public Comment on Tesoro Refinery Extended

Salt Lake City, Utah –The Division of Air Quality (DAQ) is inviting public comment on Tesoro Corporation's proposal to upgrade its existing Salt Lake refinery to add additional capacity to process a waxy type of crude oil produced in Utah's Uintah Basin.

The proposed changes at the refinery, while not resulting in an increase to the current allowable emissions, trigger the need to modify the existing Air Quality Approval Order for the facility. The Approval Order is currently open for written public comments and will be the subject of a public hearing schedule for next month.

“The public is invited to review the proposed permit and make comments about DAQ's application of the state and federal air quality rules that apply to the refinery,” said Marty Gray, permitting manager with DAQ. “The project includes upgrading equipment and some changes in the processing to increase Tesoro's ability to refine the locally-produced crude oil and to increase the total gasoline production.”

DAQ has extended the public comment period – which began Feb. 21 – to April 23. Public hearings on the proposal are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. April 17, Room 1015 in the Multi Agency State Office Building, 195 North 1950 West.

For more information on the proposal, visit: <http://www.airquality.utah.gov/Public-Interest/tesoro/index.htm>.

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