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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF A UPDES PERMIT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO DECLARE THE STATE OF UTAH'S INTENTION TO REISSUE A UTAH POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (UPDES) PERMIT UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE UTAH WATER QUALITY ACT, SECTION 19-5-106 AND 107, UTAH CODE ANNOTATED 1953, AS AMENDED. SAID "PERMIT" REFERS TO UPDES PERMIT AND THE STATEMENT OF BASIS (INCLUDING THE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDL'S)) IF APPLICABLE, AS PER SECTION 303 (d) OF THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA).

PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME:	Energy West Mining Company, Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine
MAILING ADDRESS:	15 North Main, Huntington UT 84528
TELEPHONE NUMBER:	435-687-4711
FACILITY LOCATION:	Approximately twelve miles northwest of Orangeville, Utah in Emery County
UPDES PERMIT NO.:	UT0022896
PERMITTED OUTFALLS	001, 003 and 005
RECEIVING WATER:	Cottonwood Canyon Creek and Grimes Wash, to Cottonwood Creek

BACKGROUND

Energy West Mining Company (a subsidiary of PacifiCorp) Cottonwood/Wilberg is an underground coal mine which ceased operation in 2001. The portals have been sealed and there has been no mining activity since that time. There is one active discharge point as a result of a continuous low flow discharge of groundwater. All of the other discharge points have been no discharge as reported on the DMRs. It is not known exactly when the mine will resume operation, but a permit is necessary to cover the discharge of groundwater at Outfall 001 and in case the mine does begin operation in the next five years. The permit would also cover any discharge from sedimentation ponds that may be necessary as a result of precipitation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on March 13, 2014. Written public comments can be submitted to: Mike Herkimer, UPDES Engineering Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: mherkimer@utah.gov. After considering public comment, the Division of Water Quality may reissue, revise, or abandon this permit. The permit is available for public review under "Public Participation" at www.waterquality.utah.gov. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Mike Herkimer at 801-536-4386.