

March 5, 2014

**Division of Water Quality
Utah Department of Environmental Quality
Notice of Public Comment Period and
Proposed Blanket 401 Water Quality Certification
National Park Service Routine Maintenance at Glen Canyon National Recreational Area
Lake Powell Reservoir, Utah**

Purpose of Public Notice

The Utah Division of Water Quality (DWQ) is soliciting comments regarding the issuance of a Blanket 401 Water Quality Certification to the U. S. National Park Service including Lake Powell Reservoir and all surface tributary systems including wetlands that are within the boundaries of Glen Canyon National Recreational Area in Garfield, Kane, San Juan Counties in Utah for activities that are covered under USACE Permit No: SPK 2004-50130-RGP 6. The authority to issue a state certification can be found in Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and consistent with the Utah Water Quality Act, Title 19, Chapter 5, Utah Code Ann. 1953, as amended and Utah Administrative Code R317-15. 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: U.S. National Park Service, Glen Canyon National Recreational Area

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1507, Page, Arizona 86040

Facility Location: Lake Powell Reservoir and all associated surface tributary systems including wetlands that are within the boundaries of Glen Canyon National Recreational Area in Garfield, Kane, and San Juan Counties in Utah.

Permit Background

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) intend to authorize U.S. National Parks Service to conduct routine maintenance activities. The types of activities covered under this permit are those that have a minimal impact, individually and cumulatively, on the aquatic environment and have been identified by the NPS as being part of a group of projects considered to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review. For a complete list of activities found within the U.S. Department of Interior, Department Manual (516 DM) listing those activities that are considered to be categorically excluded refer to:

http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Portals/12/documents/regulatory/public_notices/FY2014-pns/Exp-Oct-2013/RGP-6Draft.pdf. This list includes only those activities resulting from a discharge of dredged or fill material or a change in foot print of a structure in, on or over the Section 10 waterway that would require a Section 10 or Section 404 permit from the Corps. This pertains to work at or below the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of Lake Mead, Mohave or Powell (as defined below) or work within ephemeral, intermittent, seasonal or perennial drainages that are tributaries to those lakes and their adjacent wetlands. This RGP does not authorize fill in special aquatic sites, in particular springs and riffle, run, pool complexes.

Lake Powell Reservoir has the following beneficial use classifications: 1C (protected for domestic drinking water); 2A (protected for frequent primary contact recreation); 3B (protected warm water fishery and aquatic life); and 4 (protected for agricultural uses including irrigation of crops and stock watering). This reservoir is not impaired and meets all assessed water quality standards.

Public Comments

The Public Comment period for this action begins with a notice posted on DWQ's website at: <http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/PublicNotices/index.htm>, on **Wednesday, March 5, 2014 through, Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.** This Public Notice is less than the normal 30 day period based on the proposed permitted activities will cause only minimal individual cumulative water quality impacts as listed in SPK 2004-50130, RGP 6 (Regional General Permit 6).

Additional Information

Additional information listed below is also posted on DWQ's Public Notice website at: <http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/PublicNotices/index.htm>

- DWQ Draft Blanket 401 Water Quality Certification with conditions;

Submission of Public Comments

Public comments on this matter must be received by the Division of Water Quality by **Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.** All comments will be considered to determine whether an amended Blanket 401 Water Quality Certification is necessary.

Please submit comments to Bill Damery at wdamery@utah.gov . Comments may also be submitted by mail to:

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