


# WATER QUALITY MEMORANDUM


## Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

THRU: Steve Christensen, Coal Program Manager 

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RE: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 Water Monitoring, Emery County Coal Resources Inc., Lila Canyon Mine, C/007/0013, WQ21-2, Task ID #6452

This report was prepared from monitoring data queried from the UDOGM database. The data that support this report were collected and submitted to the database by Emery County Coal Resources Inc. (ECCR).

### Lila Canyon Mine

ECCR received permit approval for the Lila Canyon Mine on May 18, 2007 with special conditions attached. The Conditions were clarified on August 3, 2007. Operational water monitoring is described in Section 731.200 and monitoring sites are listed in Table 7-3 of the Lila Canyon MRP. Table 7-4 and Table 7-5 list the monitoring parameters for surface water and groundwater, respectively, and Plate 7-4 shows the water monitoring sites. The list of parameters for baseline, operational and post-mining water monitoring are the same.

#### **1. Were data submitted for all required sites?**

**Springs** YES  NO

Operational monitoring for Lila Canyon includes quarterly monitoring at springs L-7-G, L-8-G, L-9-G, L-11-G, L-12-G, L-16-G and L-17-G.

**Streams** YES  NO

Surface water (stream) sites are monitored quarterly. Sites L-1-S, L-2-S, L-3-S, and L-19-S are identified for surface water monitoring for the Lila Canyon Mine.

**Wells** YES  NO

Two wells are monitored quarterly, IPA-1 and IPA-2. IPA-1 has not been accessible due to a possible blockage. The operator has been in communication and has been instructed to rehab/redrill the well ASAP. \*The well was scoped and accessible as of 3/15/2022

**UPDES**

YES  NO

Discharges from the Lila Canyon Mine are authorized under UPDES Permit No. UT0026018. The Lila Canyon Mine UPDES permit identifies two discharges: 001 is discharge from the sediment pond and 002 is discharge from the underground mine. These discharges are being monitored as sites L-4-S and L-5-G, respectively. The UPDES permit specifies monitoring frequency and required parameters.

UPDES site 002 (L-5-G) discharged an average of 829 gpm this quarter.

**2. Were all required parameters reported for each site?**

**Springs** YES  NO

**Streams** YES  NO

**Wells** YES  NO

**UPDES** YES  NO

**3. Were irregularities found in the data?**

The following sites reported parameters more than two standard deviations from the mean:

**Springs** YES  NO

**Streams** YES  NO

**Wells** YES  NO

**UPDES** YES  NO

**4. On what date does the MRP require a five-year resampling of baseline water data.**

Re-sampling for baseline parameters is due preceding permit renewal. Analysis of baseline water samples is conducted according to the operational monitoring plan, therefore no additional parameters are required for baseline monitoring.

**5. Based on your review, what further actions, if any, do you recommend?**

NA

**6. Follow-up from last quarter, if necessary.**

NA