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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY/STATE OF UTAH
PUBLIC NOTICE OF RENEWALS OF NPDES PERMITS

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE IS TO STATE EPA'S INTENTION TO ISSUE RENEWALS TO NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) DISCHARGE PERMITS WHICH WERE ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT OF 1977, AND THE INTENTION OF THE STATE OF UTAH TO CERTIFY COMPLIANCE THEREOF.

PERMIT INFORMATION

The renewal permit is for each of the facilities, Number 1-9, that are engaged in an underground coal mining operation. A discharge permit is being written for the runoff control sedimentation structure required by the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. Each permit also contains provisions to allow the facility to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements should any unanticipated discharge be required as a result of heavy precipitation event, sudden inflow of water into the mine, mine drainage, or if relocation of sedimentation facilities becomes necessary.

- (1) PERMITTEE NAME: BLAZON COMPANY NO. 1 MINE
- MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 327 FERRON, UTAH 84523
- TELEPHONE NUMBER: 801+448-9204
- NPDES PERMIT NUMBER: UT-0023647

The Blazon Company, No. 1 Mine, will produce approximately 500 tons of coal per day. If any discharge were to occur, it would be to Mud Creek, a tributary of the Price River (classified 1C, 3A and 4).

- (2) PERMITTEE NAME: COAL SEARCH CORPORATION KNIGHT COAL MINE
- MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. BOX V SALINA, UTAH 84654
- TELEPHONE NUMBER: 801+529-7402
- NPDES PERMIT NUMBER: UT-0023671

The Coal Search Corporation, Knight Mine, will produce approximately 1,000 tons of coal per day. If a discharge were to occur, it would be to Coal Mine Creek, an intermittent tributary of Ivie Creek (classified 3C and 4).

(3) PERMITTEE NAME: CO-OP MINING COMPANY
TRAIL CANYON MINE

MAILING ADDRESS: BOX 300
HUNTINGTON, UTAH 84528

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 801+748-5238

NPDES PERMIT NUMBER: UT-0023612

The Co-op Mining Company, Trail Canyon Mine, will produce approximately 400 tons of coal per day. If a discharge were to occur, it would be to Trail Canyon and Bear Creeks, tributaries of Huntington Creek (classified 1C, 3A and 4).

(4) PERMITTEE NAME: PLATEAU MINING COMPANY
STAR POINT COAL MINE

MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. DRAWER PMC
PRICE, UTAH 84501

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 801+637-2875

NPDES PERMIT NUMBER: UT-0023736

The Plateau Mining Company, Star Point Mine, will produce approximately one (1) million tons of coal per year. If a discharge were to occur, it would be to Mudwater Creek and unnamed tributaries to Serviceberry Creek (classified 3C and 4).

(5) PERMITTEE NAME: TOWER RESOURCES, INC.
PINNACLE COAL MINE

MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 1027
PRICE, UTAH 84501

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 801+637-5385

NPDES PERMIT NUMBER: UT-0023507

The Tower Resources, Inc., Pinnacle Mine, will produce approximately 250,000 tons of coal per year. If a discharge were to occur, it would be to Deadman Creek, a tributary to the Price River (classified 3C and 4).

The Western States Minerals Corporation, J. B. King Mine, will produce approximately 500 tons of coal per day. In the event of a discharge, it would be to Dog Valley Wash, a tributary to Ivie Creek (classified 3C and 4).

EPA/STATE TENTATIVE DETERMINATIONS

Tentative determinations have been made by the EPA staff in cooperation with the State of Utah relative to effluent limitations and other conditions to be imposed on the permit. These limitations and conditions will assure that State Water Quality Standards and applicable provisions of the Clean Water Act will be protected. The recommended expiration date for the permits is December 31, 1986.

The aforementioned receiving waters are classified in the Utah Water Quality Standards for the following beneficial uses:

- 1C - protected for domestic purposes with prior treatment by standard complete treatment processes;
- 3A - protected for cold water species of game fish and other cold water aquatic life;
- 3C - protected for nongame fish and other aquatic life; and
- 4 - protected for agricultural uses including irrigation of crops and stock watering.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited anytime prior to February 8, 1982. Comments may be directed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, Enforcement Division, Water and Hazardous Waste Enforcement Branch, 1860 Lincoln Street, Denver, Colorado 80295. All comments received prior to February 8, 1982, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits.

If no objections are received within the specified thirty-day period, the Regional Administrator, EPA, will issue final determinations within sixty days of the date of this notice. A public hearing will be held if response to this notice indicates significant public interest.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling 303-837-4901, or by writing the aforementioned address.

The complete applications, issued permits, permittees' requests for renewal of the permits and related documents are available for review and reproduction at the aforementioned address.