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REGION VIII  
1860 LINCOLN STREET  
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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY/STATE OF UTAH

PUBLIC NOTICE

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

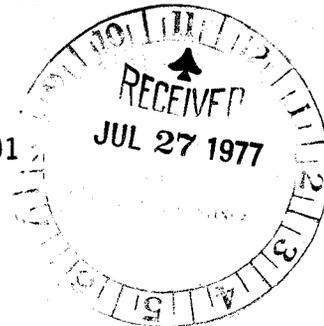
THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE IS TO STATE EPA'S INTENTION TO ISSUE WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1972 (FWPCA), P.L. 92-500, AND THE INTENTION OF THE STATE OF UTAH TO CERTIFY COMPLIANCE OF THE APPLICANT WITH APPLICABLE PROVISION OF THE AFORESAID ACT.

IT IS EPA'S INTENTION TO ISSUE PERMITS TO THREE (3) INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGERS IN THE STATE OF UTAH.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

- (1) APPLICANT NAME: SWISHER COAL COMPANY (MINE NUMBER 2)
- MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. BOX AU PRICE, UTAH 84501
- TELEPHONE NUMBER: 801+637-5050
- APPLICATION NUMBER: UT-0023124

- (2) APPLICANT NAME: SWISHER COAL COMPANY (MINE NUMBER 4)
- MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. BOX AU PRICE, UTAH 84501
- TELEPHONE NUMBER: 801+637-5050
- APPLICATION NUMBER: UT-0023116



Each mine consists of an underground coal mining operation, producing approximately 200,000 tons of coal per year. The mines currently do not have a discharge and do not anticipate any discharge in the future. Each permit is being written to allow the company to comply with NPDES requirements should any unanticipated discharge be required as a result of a sudden inflow of water into the mines. If a discharge were to occur from Mine Number 2 it would be to Gordon Creek which is a tributary of the Price River (classified Class "C"). If a discharge were to occur from Mine Number 4 it would be to Huntington Creek (classified Class "C").

(3) APPLICANT NAME: UNITED STATES FUEL COMPANY  
MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. BOX A  
HIAWATHA, UTAH 84527  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 801+343-2471  
APPLICATION NUMBER: UT-0023094

The facility, operated by United States Fuel Company, consists of an underground coal mining operation which produces approximately 600,000 tons of coal per year. The mine drainage from the Mohrland Portal consists of a flow from 0.5 to 1.6 million gallons per day. Of this discharge, one-half to all of the flow is diverted to the Town of Hiawatha, for use as drinking water, prior to reaching Cedar Creek (classified Class "CC"). Thus, the actual discharge to Cedar Creek varies from zero to approximately one million gallons per day, depending on the flow from the Portal and the water requirements of the Town of Hiawatha. The discharge into Miller Creek (classified Class "CC") consists of the overflow from the Town of Hiawatha's water supply tanks which are filled by the pipeline from the Mohrland Portal.

The aforementioned receiving waters are classified in the Utah Water Quality Standards as either Class "C" or Class "CC" waters.

Class "C" waters are defined as being suitable for domestic supplies which are treated by coagulation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection. These waters shall be suitable without treatment for aesthetics, irrigation, stock watering, propagation of fish, other aquatic life and wildlife, recreation (except swimming) and industrial supplies. Class "CC" waters shall also be protected against any wastes or activities which alone or in combination will cause an incremental increase in temperature of said waters of more than 2<sup>0</sup>F, or an elevation in such temperature above 68<sup>0</sup>F, or will cause the dissolved oxygen level of such waters to fall below 6.0 mg/l.

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 FWPCAA will be protected. The recommended expiration date for the permits is June 30, 1982.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited anytime prior to August 26, 1977. Comments may be directed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, Enforcement Division, Permits Administration and Compliance Branch, 1860 Lincoln Street, Denver, Colorado 80295. All comments received prior to August 26, 1977, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit.

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 to the aforementioned address.

The complete application, draft permit, and related documents are available for review and reproduction at the aforementioned address.

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