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July 9, 1980

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY/STATE OF UTAH

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN NPDES PERMIT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE IS TO STATE EPA'S INTENTION TO ISSUE AN AMENDMENT TO A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) DISCHARGE PERMIT WHICH WAS 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

PERMITTEE NAME:	CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY (EMERY SURFACE MINE) ✓
MAILING ADDRESS:	3300 ONE OLIVER PLAZA PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15222
TELEPHONE NUMBER:	412+941-4076
FACILITY LOCATION:	EMERY, UTAH
NPDES PERMIT NUMBER:	UT-0022624

The Consolidation Coal Company, Emery Surface Mine, is a proposed surface coal mining operation. A no discharge permit implementing the Colorado Salinity Control Policy was issued for this facility in 1976. However, the State of Utah reviewed their reports concerning salinity and determined that a discharge should be allowed if Best Management Practices are applied to insure minimization of the salt loading. This permit is, therefore, being revised to allow discharge from active mining operations and runoff sedimentation structures. Best Management Practices are being included to ensure the minimization of salinity loadings to the Colorado River Basin. The discharge would be to Christiansen Wash, a tributary to Muddy Creek which is classified in the Utah Water Quality Standards for the following beneficial uses:

- 3C - protected for nongame fish and other aquatic life; and
- 4 - protected for agricultural uses including irrigation of crops and stock watering.

EPA/STATE TENTATIVE DETERMINATIONS

Tentative determinations have been made by the EPA staff in cooperation with the State of Utah relative to the proposed amendment to be issued to the above-mentioned facility.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited anytime prior to August 9, 1980. 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 August 9, 1980, 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 application, issued permit, permittee's request for an amendment and related documents are available for review and reproduction at the aforementioned address.

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