Division of Water Quality
Utah Department of Environmental Quality
Public Notice for the Issuance of Ground Water Discharge Permit
Permit No. UGW450010

Purpose of Public Notice

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality is soliciting comments on its proposal to issue the ground water discharge permit described below under authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, section 19-5-104(1)(i) Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended and Utah Administrative Code R317-6.

Permit Information

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Permittee Name:	Desert Hawk Gold Corporation
Facility Location:	Cactus Mill, Tooele County
Mailing Address:	8921 N. Indian Trail Road – Suite 288 Spokane, WA 99208

Desert Hawk Gold Corporation proposes to construct an acid heap leach facility to process approximately 200,000 tons of granodiorite ore for extraction of copper over a two-year period at the Cactus Mill. The ore will be crushed into one-inch gravel sized particles and stacked on the leach pad in 10-foot lifts to a maximum heap height of 30 feet. The ore will be sprayed with dilute sulfuric acid and the acid leach solution will flow to an evaporation/surge pond where it will be collected for processing. The copper heap leach process area will consist of a leach cell, an evaporation/surge pond, a perimeter containment berm, a precipitation tank, and concrete containment area for the leach water. The permit requires the operator to utilize best available technology in the construction of the facilities. The leach pad, evaporation/surge pond, and processing area will be underlain by a double liner system with a leak detection system. It also provides for the monitoring of ground water and requires the operator to monitor the performance of the liners beneath the pad and ponds.

Public Comments

Public comments are invited any time prior to **Monday, August 2, 2010**. Comments may be directed to the Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4870. All comments received prior to close of business **Monday, August 2, 2010**, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. A public hearing may be held if written requests are received within the first 15 days of this public comment period that demonstrate significant public interest and substantive issues exist to warrant holding a hearing.

Further Information

Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling Rob Herbert at (801) 536-4300 or by writing the aforementioned address. Related documents are available for review during normal business hours at the Division of Water Quality, 195 N. 1950 W., Salt Lake City.

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