

# Public Notice: Request For Comments

## Proposed Air Quality Permit American Gilsonite Company Cottonwood Mine

Notice issued: 9/23/2020

**Written comments due:**  
5 p.m., 10/23/2020

### Where is the facility located?

Cottonwood Mine: Uintah and Ouray  
Indian Reservation Uintah County, Utah  
SE/SE Sec. 35, T10S, R21E  
Latitude 39.897441  
Longitude -109.512153

### What is being proposed?

This permit action will apply to an existing facility operating on the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in Utah.

The Cottonwood Mine is a gilsonite production source that mines the mineral gilsonite and processes the mined material for distribution.

The facility currently operates one 1,222 horsepower (hp) diesel powered engine to power mining operations. The facility also operates material handling and screening equipment. The facility is requesting to add two 1,080 hp diesel powered engines and associated 16,800 gallon diesel fuel storage tanks for additional mining operations and one 536 hp diesel powered engine to power mine dewatering equipment.

American Gilsonite Company has requested limitations on hours of operation for the two 1,080 hp engines and enforceable requirements related to the distance between the engine exhaust stacks for the two 1,080 hp engines

The permit the EPA is proposing to issue reflects the incorporation of the requested requirements.

### What are the effects on air quality?

This action will have no adverse air quality impacts. Due to the removal of existing units at the facility, the emissions at this existing facility will not be increasing due to this permit action.

**Permit number:**  
TMNSR-UO-008135-2020.001

### How can I review documents?

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you may view an electronic copy of the proposed permit and related documents online at the websites cited below. Information is also available by emailing or speaking with the following contacts:

Ute Indian Tribe Energy and Minerals  
Department Office  
Contact: Mike Natchees, Air Quality  
Program Director, at (435) 725-4974 or  
[miken@utetribes.com](mailto:miken@utetribes.com)

U.S. EPA Region 8 Office:  
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Engineer, at (303) 312-7015  
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U.S. EPA Region 8 Website:  
<https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permit-public-comment-opportunities-region-8>

### Where can I send comments?

The EPA accepts written comments by mail, e-mail and through  
<https://www.regulations.gov> (Docket ID # [EPA-R08-OAR-2020-0149](https://www.regulations.gov)).

U.S. EPA Region 8 Air Program,  
8ARD-PM Attn: Federal Minor NSR  
Coordinator 1595 Wynkoop Street,  
Denver, CO 80202  
[R8AirPermitting@epa.gov](mailto:R8AirPermitting@epa.gov)

### What happens next?

The EPA will review and consider all comments received during the comment period. Following this review, the EPA may issue the permit as proposed, issue a modified permit based on comments or deny the permit.

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