

# Public Notice: Request For Comments

## Proposed Air Quality Permit to Construct Merit Energy Company Steamboat Butte E5 Tank Battery

**Notice issued:** July 17, 2020

**Written comments due:**

By 5 p.m. August 17, 2020

**Where is the facility located?**

Steamboat Butte E5 Tank Battery:

Wind River Indian Reservation  
Fremont County, Wyoming  
NE/SW Sec. 5, T3N, R1E  
Latitude 43.26529  
Longitude -108.90416

**What is being proposed?**

This permit action will apply to an existing facility operating on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming.

The Steamboat Butte E5 Tank Battery is an oil and natural gas well production facility that processes fluids and gases from 22 producing off-site oil wells.

The facility currently operates two free water knock out separators, one three-phase heated bulk treater separator, three 500 barrel (bbl) crude oil storage tanks, and two 1,500 bbl produced water storage tanks.

Merit Energy Company has requested to revise enforceable requirements for the installation and operation of two flares for control of volatile organic compound emissions from the separator and crude oil storage tanks previously established in the current effective permit. Merit has requested to increase the gas flow rate limit to the tank flare while decreasing the gas flow rate limit to the process flare. The permit the EPA is proposing to issue reflects the incorporation of the requested .

**What are the effects on air quality?**

This action will have no adverse air quality impacts. The only emissions at this existing facility that will be increasing due to this permit action are hydrogen sulfide, which will increase by 6.98 tons per year. Emissions of all other regulated pollutants will decrease or remain the same. In addition, this action does not authorize the construction of any new emission sources,

or does it otherwise authorize any other physical modifications to the facility or its operations.

**Permit number:**

SMNSR-WR-000005-2020.003

**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 website cited below. Information is also available by emailing or speaking with the following contact:

U.S. EPA Region 8 Office  
1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202  
Contact: Christopher Razzazian,  
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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 comments by mail, e-mail and through <https://www.regulations.gov> (Docket ID # EPA-R08-OAR-2020-0307)

U.S. EPA Region 8, Air and Radiation Division (8ARD)  
Attn: Federal Minor NSR Coordinator  
1595 Wynkoop Street,  
Denver, Colorado 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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### United States Environmental Protection Agency

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