



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 1, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Nick Sandberg, Public Lands Coordinator

TITLE: Consideration of letter to Utah Division of Water Quality on application by Lisbon Valley Mine for Underground Injection Permit for in situ copper recovery.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and sign letter.

SUMMARY

Utah Division of Water Quality has provided a 30 day public comment period ending December 4, 2020, for comments on an application by Lisbon Valley Mine. The application is for an Underground Injection Control Class III Area Permit for in situ copper recovery. The permit would allow for underground injection and monitoring of a weak sulfuric acid solution to recovery copper from strata in the Burro Canyon aquifer. Residents and the County have concerns about the potential effects of this injected fluid on the aquifer that is the source for area water wells. The subject letter expresses County concerns about this application.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

The County requested a public hearing on the application which was held virtually by Utah Division of Water Quality on November 24, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT

Unknown at this time.