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Water Testing Underway For Butterfield Creek

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Salt Lake County, UT— Heavy rain that hit the southwest corner of Salt Lake County over the weekend caused an overflow of Kennecott's sedimentation ponds, producing runoff into Butterfield Creek. County water quality specialists were called to the scene immediately to take water samples and continue to work with state partners to have lab tests performed to learn what, if any, contaminants consistent with mining operations are present.

Water from Butterfield Creek is only for irrigation, not culinary use. There is no immediate risk to people or animals.

The Salt Lake County Health Department has collected water samples and is working with the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), which is the agency that monitors water quality compliance. State officials estimate that test results will be completed in the coming weeks.