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*Utah Report on the Environment 2010*

## **DEQ Meets Challenges & Improves Efficiencies, Report Shows**

Salt Lake City, Utah – Utah’s environment is getting healthier, thanks to successful public and private partnerships throughout 2010 to make improvements to Utah’s air, land and water.

“The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is committed to building and maintaining strong partnerships to improve our environment that continue to be the basis of Utah’s quality of life and economy,” said Amanda Smith, executive director of DEQ. “That has been an essential part of our successes as we look over this past year.”

The Web-based report highlights progress made in each of the main sections: air, climate & energy, land and water.

The notable successes include:

- The Division of Water Quality’s (DWQ) oversight of the cleanup of a Chevron oil spill into Red Butte Creek on June 12 and again on December 1. DWQ continues to work with partnering agencies to ensure thorough and long-term monitoring and restoration of the Creek.
- The Division of Air Quality’s (DAQ) Utah Clean Diesel Program expanded its retrofits to include farm equipment, and most recently re-powering diesel delivery trucks with new natural gas engines. The program continues to retrofit old school buses with cleaner technology.
- The Division of Radiation Control (DRC) nears completion of a performance evaluation for depleted uranium disposal at EnergySolutions’ low-level radioactive waste site in Clive, Utah. An extensive public process is incorporated and part of the Division’s newly adopted “Lean Six Sigma” process, a business management strategy to improve efficiencies both in permit time and in the protection of human health and the environment.

The report highlights these and other successes and challenges ahead. It will become available to the public at: <http://www.deq.utah.gov/envrpt/index.htm> the first week of January 2011.

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