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## Updated Statewide Air Emissions Available to Public

Salt Lake City, Utah – Interested in finding out about the air pollutants in your community and where the emissions are coming from? New data detailing Utah’s 2011 air emissions inventory is available on the Division of Air Quality’s (DAQ) webpage.

[http://www.airquality.utah.gov/Planning/Emission-Inventory/Available\\_inventory.htm](http://www.airquality.utah.gov/Planning/Emission-Inventory/Available_inventory.htm)

“Emission inventories, compiled every 3 years, are a calculation of what air pollutants are emitted by the different polluters and are an important tool in understanding our air quality” explained Kathy Van Dame, policy coordinator for the Wasatch Clean Air Coalition.

Compiled from sources statewide, the new 2011 inventory is the baseline data DAQ uses to track trends and develop air quality models that are used to determine air monitoring and air quality planning goals. The statewide inventory provides the backbone for other inventories that are developed for specific pollutants, geographical areas or focused development of air quality improvement plans.

The 2011 inventory represents the best available emissions summaries that are determined through emissions measurement, engineering calculations and applying the latest emissions factors. “Each new inventory benefits from improved technology and techniques, and is a better estimate than the last” added Van Dame.

Detailed information about the annual emissions for Point Sources – stationary industrial and portable equipment, Area Sources – dispersed emissions that are associated with goods and services and natural emission sources, Non-Road and On-Road - emissions from vehicles that move goods and people are found in the summary tables. Also included are details about the sources of Hazardous Air Pollutants.

“We want people to use the inventory to see what’s happening in their communities and help generate both questions and solutions that lead to a better understanding of our air quality problems. The 2011 inventory builds on the transparency we’ve incorporated into our webpage, which includes real-time air monitoring, historical monitoring data, and publishing all of our

permitting actions that are under consideration” said DAQ director Bryce Bird.

The Division is actively working to boost the amount of information available about Utah’s air quality problem on its Website and Facebook page. The 2011 inventory is the newest addition to an ongoing list of educational information including background primers on ozone, instructions to calculate wintertime PM<sub>2.5</sub> pollution, and tips to decrease personal emissions and protect health.

DAQ’s air quality education can be found at [www.airquality.utah.gov](http://www.airquality.utah.gov) and [www.facebook.com/newseq](http://www.facebook.com/newseq).

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