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Governor Recognizes Air Director for Leadership

Salt Lake City, Utah – Bryce Bird, director of the Utah Division of Air Quality was honored today for “Excellence in Leadership” as part of the Governor’s Award for Excellence.

Bird, appointed director of DAQ in May 2011, has lead a team of scientists and engineers in developing an air quality plan to meet federal health standards for winter particulate pollution. Prior to his appointment as director, he served as planning branch manager.

“Bryce has done an excellent job managing the Division in a time of intense scrutiny with difficult and complex issues to solve. He has been tireless and good-humored through a challenging year. This reward reflects well on the entire DAQ staff,” said Amanda Smith, executive director of Utah Department of Environmental Quality. DAQ is one of six divisions within DEQ.

Bird, 46, began his career at DEQ in 1991, after completing a degree in biology at the University of Utah. He worked as a compliance inspector for seven years, then later as the manager of the Hazardous Air Pollutants Section and Compliance Branch before being appointed to head the Planning Branch in 2007. He lives in Kaysville with his wife, Tanya, and four children.

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