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## Willard Bay Diesel Spill Settlement Finalized, Water Quality Projects Sought

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Water Quality Board has approved the Willard Bay Settlement Agreement between Division of Water Quality (DWQ), Division of Parks and Recreation and Chevron Pipe Line Company regarding the diesel fuel spill at Willard Bay State Park in March 2013. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, Chevron has agreed to the following terms:

- \$350,000 paid to DWQ as a civil penalty.
- \$4.45 million to fund mitigation projects that are above and beyond any clean up actions by Chevron.
- \$550,000 paid to the Division of Parks and Recreation for lost use damages at the Willard Bay State Park.

The settlement addresses requirements outlined in the Notice of Violation and Compliance Order (NOV/CO) issued to Chevron on April 12, 2013, in response to the diesel fuel released near Willard Bay on March 18, 2013. To review the approved settlement visit [www.deq.utah.gov/locations/willardbay/willardbay.htm](http://www.deq.utah.gov/locations/willardbay/willardbay.htm).

DWQ is now soliciting proposals for mitigation projects that will enhance the natural environment and benefit Utah citizens. Examples of acceptable mitigation projects include, but are not limited to: environmental projects, infrastructure improvements, studies or educational activities/events which serve the purpose of protecting or improving water quality and/or the ecology of natural systems.

A two-phase process will be used to evaluate proposals and select projects for funding. Proposals must meet specified criteria and be submitted in the appropriate format. Requirements for proposals and application forms are available on DWQ's website: [www.deq.utah.gov/locations/willardbay/willardbay.htm](http://www.deq.utah.gov/locations/willardbay/willardbay.htm)

Successful applicants will be asked to submit detailed project plans in the second phase. Upon approval of a detailed implementation plan, project funding will be authorized by DWQ's Director.

Completed proposals must be submitted by 5 p.m. on May 5, 2014. Proposals can be emailed to [ebartusek@utah.gov](mailto:ebartusek@utah.gov), or mailed as a hard copy to the Division of Water Quality, Attn: Emily Bartusek, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, UT 84114.

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