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DEQ Settles Dispute over Technical Issues on Tesoro Permit

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) reached a settlement agreement today with environmentalists who had sued DEQ over technical administrative issues surrounding Tesoro Refining and Marketing Co.’s air quality permit.

On October 30, 2014, the Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment and FRIENDS of Great Salt Lake filed a civil complaint in the Third District Court seeking to require DEQ’s Division of Air Quality (DAQ) to issue an operating permit under Title V of the Clean Air Act for the Tesoro, Salt Lake Refinery. DAQ has been working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to complete a State Implementation Plan (SIP) for PM10 (particulates), a key step toward issuing the Title V permit.

Tesoro has an air quality permit that predates the Title V requirements, and has been subject to all applicable air quality regulations. Title V of the Clean Air Act requires major sources of air pollution to obtain an operating permit that consolidates the applicable requirements into a single document. The Title V permit does not create new air quality standards or limitations, but does outline requirements for monitoring, reporting, and record keeping that the facility is operating in compliance – a requirement that is outlined in Tesoro’s current permit.

“Tesoro has been, and will continue to be, subject to all applicable laws and requirements that protect Utah’s air and the health of our citizens,” said Alan Matheson, executive director of DEQ. “That will always be our priority.”

The settlement outlines a process to develop the Title V permit concurrently with completing an updated PM10 SIP. The issue will be resolved once the EPA approves the PM10 SIP, anticipated next year. Claimants agreed to drop all claims in light of the ongoing planning process.

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About DEQ

Established in 1991, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) mission is to safeguard public health and quality of life by protecting and enhancing the environment. DEQ implements state and federal environmental laws and works with individuals, community groups and businesses to protect the quality of Utah’s air, land and water. For more information, visit www.deq.utah.gov, follow DEQ on Facebook ([utahdeq](https://www.facebook.com/utahdeq)) and Twitter ([UtahDEQ](https://twitter.com/UtahDEQ)), or call 1-800-458-0145.