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Former DEQ Scientist Appointed to Head Waste Management & Radiation Control

SALT LAKE CITY – Ty Howard, a former scientist with the Utah Department of Environmental Quality is returning to DEQ as director of the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control (WMRC).

DEQ Executive Director Alan Matheson announced the appointment of Howard who will begin serving as director on March 11. Howard replaces Scott Anderson who retired at the end of last year. WMRC Deputy Director Rusty Lundberg has been serving as interim director.

"Ty Howard brings exceptional experience and skill to the director position," said Matheson. "I am confident he will nurture constructive relationships with all stakeholders and will thoughtfully lead his team's efforts to protect public health and the environment."

Howard worked at DEQ from 1996 to 2009 in various divisions. He worked as a scientist in the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation (DERR) and the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste before becoming a manager in the Superfund program in DERR. He later served as the manager overseeing the permitting program in the Division of Air Quality before leaving for the private sector.

"This is like coming back home," Howard said. "There are a lot of outstanding people at DEQ that I am excited to work with and I look forward to renewing friendships and to continue to help WMRC achieve its vital mission."

Howard has been active in the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials and the Air and Waste Management Association. He is a member of the Utah Society of Certified Public Managers.

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About DEQ

Established in 1991, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) mission is to safeguard and improve Utah's air, land and water through balanced regulation. 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.