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MEDIA ADVISORY

EVENT: DEQ, DNR Ask Water Recreators To Be Aware of Harmful Algal Blooms and Waterborne Pathogens This Summer

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, June 3, 3-3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Join via Google Meet:
meet.google.com/mvq-toer-bqi
Phone Numbers
(484) 403-0707
PIN: 503 618 613#
Watch live stream
<https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/99dfe95f-6fae-4b0b-b6bf-470fd28b8724>

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SUMMARY:

On Wednesday, June 3, members of the Utah media are invited to join the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Water Quality and the Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks and Recreation to learn how water recreators can protect themselves, their families, and their pets against harmful algal blooms and waterborne pathogens while enjoying Utah's waters this summer.

Harmful algal blooms and waterborne pathogens pose health risks and can put a damper on fun summer plans. Water recreators, however, can take a few simple steps to protect themselves. Join subject matter experts from the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Water Quality and the Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks and Recreation via Google Meet to learn more about the human-health effects of cyanobacteria blooms and water pathogens and how water recreators can protect themselves.

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)).