The Division of Water Quality (DWQ) of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality will be assessing the waters of the State (streams and lakes) to determine their support of designated beneficial uses for the 2016 Integrated Report. The Integrated Report includes the 305(b) assessment report and the 303(d) list of impaired waters. Beneficial uses include potential source of drinking water, primary and secondary contact recreation, aquatic life, and agriculture.

DWQ monitoring teams have collected water quality data over several years to be used for evaluating stream and lake water quality. To assist DWQ in making assessments, we are soliciting any additional water quality data from individuals or organizations. Assessment methods are described in Chapter 2 of the 2014 Integrated Report, and credible data requirements will be posted on DWQ’s Assessment website in November 2014 (http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/WQAssess/index.htm).

The deadline for data submittal for the 2016 Integrated Report is December 31, 2014. We recommend that data be submitted as soon as possible and that it be submitted electronically in the format that will be outlined on DWQ’s Assessment website in November. For questions or comments, please contact Emilie Flemer at 801-536-4105 or e-mail at eflemer@utah.gov. Data can be submitted to:

Utah Division of Water Quality
Attn: Emilie Flemer
P.O. Box 144870
SLC, UT 84114-4870