Public Notice

Water Quality and Health Advisory Panel

The Utah Division of Water Quality and the Utah Department of Health co-organize a Water Quality Health and Advisory Panel whose objectives are to coordinate and communicate on water quality issues associated with specific public health concerns. The primary current focus of the Panel is coordination around *E. coli*, mercury, and Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs).

The Panel has two primary goals. First, the panel facilitates interagency coordination and communication. The second goal is to ensure that the monitoring, assessment and response to water quality problems related to health effects are based on sound science; hence the panel membership is comprised of individuals with a breadth of expertise and experience. While the primary focus of the panel is human health, the group will also consider effects of these contaminants on all beneficial uses including aquatic life and agriculture.

The next meeting of the Water Quality and Health Advisory Panel will be:

March 16, 2016 9:00 – 12:00 DEQ Building 195 North 1950 West, DEQ Board Room

Meeting goals:

- 1. Provide updates to attendees on water quality health advisories from 2015
- 2. Discuss 2016 sampling and communications plans
- 3. Establish a work group to address assessment method revisions for E. coli, HABs and mercury