

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the draft 2012/2014 Integrated Report (IR) chapter addressing the Great Salt Lake. First, we want to recognize the work of UDWQ in developing the Great Salt Lake Strategy, initiating routine monitoring of the Lake, summarizing data, and presenting this chapter for review. The UDWQ staff has made great strides toward assessment of this important waterbody over the last three years and should be commended for these efforts.

We have just a few comments that are provided below for your consideration. Please, note that the positions described herein are preliminary in nature and do not represent a final Agency decision.

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As part of the IR development, states are to consider all available data for assessment purposes.

1. For a broader understanding by stakeholders, we suggest that UDWQ identify the existing data collected through other efforts and by other agencies that could be considered in assessing Great Salt Lake water quality. This information could be included in table form. Reasons for not considering some datasets in this Chapter should be discussed.
2. Regarding the reported data from the 2012 Cavitt paper, we suggest that the Chapter include a description of the issues with samples exceeding holding times/temperatures due to a shipment error. Results impacted by quality control issues should be reported as estimated values due to reliability concerns.

Thank you for considering these comments and feel free to contact me should you have questions or would like additional follow-up.

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