**2016 Integrated Report (IR)**

**Call for Data: Sample Site Questions**

1. **I have submitted data to DWQ several times, do I still have to submit a sample site location file again?**

For now, yes – and we do realize that this can seem repetitive. However, until UDWQ moves to a more automated process, this is the only efficient way for use to track new monitoring location/ sample sites and/ or update information associated with a site. Until we figure out a better process, we thank you for your patience.

1. **I have data that is from sample site locations just outside of UT’s state border – can I submit it to Utah’s DWQ?**

You can submit this data to UDWQ, but you should be aware that this information will not be used in a Utah assessment. Currently, we only assess sample sites that are located within our state’s boundaries and we have standards and criteria for. However, we do encourage you to submit data outside of our state’s boundaries to the state where the site is located.

1. **My lat/long information is in UTM or Degrees Minutes Seconds – how do I convert to Decimal Degrees?**

To help you convert your lat/long information to decimal degrees, UDWQ recommends the following online tool for entering a small number of lats/longs: <http://www.rcn.montana.edu/resources/converter.aspx>

Note: If you are converting from UTM to decimal degrees and do not know the UTM Zone of your sample location, you can assume it is zone 12.

For situations where you have to convert a large number of lats/longs, UDWQ recommends using the downloadable spreadsheet located here: <http://www.uwgb.edu/dutchs/usefuldata/howuseexcel.htm>

1. **I don’t know what Datum my lat/long data is in – how do I confirm it?**

We recommend that you try to compare your location information to another location with a known Datum. So, for example, if you use a tool like Google Earth you can enter in you location information. If you know you sampled from a bridge and your entered location information is 200 meters off from the bridge, you click on the location of the bridge to see what the more accurate lat/long information should be. If you use Google Earth, the datum is WGS 1984. If you cannot figure out the datum of your location, please populate UNKNOWN.