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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE TO UPDATE THE WATER QUALITY BOARD'S FINANCIAL BURDEN
EVALUATION POLICY FOR THE UTAH WASTEWATER PROJECT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this public notice is to alert the public that the Utah Water Quality Board (the Board) and Division of Water Quality are updating a policy with respect to how Financial Burden of water quality infrastructure loans will be determined for communities and how that information will be used when evaluating potential funding terms for projects.

BACKGROUND

In light of an increased demand for Utah Water Quality Board (the Board) funds and limited fund balances, staff drafted a policy for evaluating economic conditions of a community applying for financial assistance. UAC R317-101-4 states that economic conditions including unemployment data and population trends should be taken into consideration when determining the type and amount of funding to be provided. This policy provides for how staff will utilize a Financial Need Indicator and the modified median adjusted gross income to evaluate funding alternatives. Once the policy is adopted, the Division of Water Quality staff will update the funding applications to request information on financial need indicators to be submitted by the applicant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on **June 7, 2021**. Written public comments can be submitted to: Skyler Davies, Engineering Section, by email at: sdavies@utah.gov. Please include the words "Financial Burden Indicator Policy" in the subject. After considering public comment the Utah Division of Water Quality may adopt the policy, or revise it. The policy is available for public review under <https://deq.utah.gov/water-quality/water-quality-public-notices>. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Skyler Davies at 801-536-4359 and comments submitted to Skyler Davies, Engineering Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870.

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