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PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE DRAFT 2022 303(D) ASSESSMENT METHODS FOR THE 2022 INTEGRATED REPORT

Purpose of Public Notice

The Division of Water Quality (DWQ) will be assessing the surface waters of the State (e.g., rivers, lakes, and canals) for the 2022 Integrated Report. This report analyzes water quality data to determine if assessed waterbodies support their <u>designated beneficial uses</u> (Utah Administrative Code R317-2-6). These beneficial uses include drinking water, recreation, aquatic life, agriculture, and the Great Salt Lake. The Integrated Report is submitted every two years for Environmental Protection Agency approval and includes the 305(b) assessment report and the 303(d) list of impaired waters. The Assessment Methodology guides how DWQ performs water quality assessments. To assist DWQ in making assessment decisions, we are soliciting comments on the draft 2022 Integrated Report 303(d) Assessment Methods.

Public Comments

Public comments are invited any time prior to close of business on February 26, 2021. Please submit public comments electronically at https://deq.utah.gov/water-quality/methodology-and-guidance-2022-integrated-report If internet access is not available, please contact Elise Hinman at (801) 536-4346.

Further Information

The draft 2022 Integrated Report 303(d) Assessment Methods are posted on DWQ's Integrated Report website at https://deq.utah.gov/water-quality/methodology-and-guidance-2022-integrated-report

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