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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLEAN WATER ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE DRAFT COMBINED 2018/2020 INTEGRATED REPORT

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality (DWQ) is pleased to announce that the Draft Combined 2018/2020 Integrated Report (IR) on the conditions of Utah's flowing surface waters of the State (e.g., rivers, streams, lakes, and reservoirs etc.) is open for public comment. To meet our obligations under the Clean Water Act, DWQ compiles all existing and readily available data every two years to identify the surface waters that meet and fail to meet the designated beneficial uses assigned to a waterbody in DWQ's water quality standards. Beneficial uses reported on include drinking water, primary and secondary contact recreation, aquatic life, agriculture and Great Salt Lake.

The 60-day public comment period for the Draft Combined 2018/2020 IR will begin on October 21, 2020 and end on December 20, 2020. The <u>Draft Combined 2018/2020 IR</u> includes the Assessment Methodology, 305(b) assessment report and 303(d) list of impaired waters. A 45-day public comment period for the Assessment Methodology was previously held November 7 to December 21, 2018. Further comments on the Assessment Methodology are out-of-scope for this comment period. For this 60-day public comment period, the 305(b) assessment report and 303(d) list of impaired waters are available for review and comment.

Public comments must be submitted via DWQ's website at: http://deq.at.utah.gov/water-quality/submit-comments-combined-2018-2020-integrated-report

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