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PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE DRAFT 2024 303(D) ASSESSMENT METHODS
FOR THE 2024 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 2024 Integrated Report. This report analyzes water quality data to determine if assessed waterbodies support their designated beneficial uses (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 assessments of water quality data and information to determine beneficial use support. To assist DWQ in making assessment decisions, we are soliciting comments on the Draft 2024 Integrated Report 303(d) Assessment Methods.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to close of business on December 8, 2022. Please submit public comments electronically at <https://deq.utah.gov/water-quality/draft-integrated-report> If you must submit a hard copy of your comments, please attach comments as a PDF or Word Document in an email with "Draft 2024 Integrated Report 303(d) Assessment Methods" in the subject line to wqcomments@utah.gov. If internet access is not available, please contact Elise Hinman at (385) 602-7277.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Draft 2024 Integrated Report 303(d) Assessment Methods are posted on DWQ's Integrated Report website at <https://deq.utah.gov/water-quality/draft-integrated-report> For questions, please contact Elise Hinman by phone (385) 602-7277 or email at ehinman@utah.gov

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