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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF Adoption of USEPA 2013
Ammonia Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life for
Utah. Review Draft v. 0.1

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this public notice is to declare a public notice and comment period to solicit public and other stakeholder comments on the *Adoption of USEPA 2013 Ammonia Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Life for Utah. Review Draft v. 0.1*.

BACKGROUND

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published updated Clean Water Act Section 304(a) water quality criteria for the protection of aquatic life for ammonia in 2013. To meet our obligations under the Clean Water Act, DWQ is required to review these updated criteria and revise Utah's water quality criteria taking into account this new information. The 2013 EPA ammonia criteria are dependent on the presence or absence of certain mussels that are sensitive to ammonia, the presence or absence of trout-like species, the presence or absence of early life stages of fish, the water temperature and the water pH. This document describes the Division of Water Quality's proposed approach for implementing the 2013 ammonia water quality criteria for Utah.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline on June 23, 2017. The review draft is available for public review at <http://www.deq.utah.gov/NewsNotices/notices/water/index.htm>. Written comments can be submitted to: Chris Bittner, Utah Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by via the [electronic submittal portal](#). For questions or more information, please contact Mr. Bittner at 801-536-4371 or at cbittner@utah.gov.

