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Utah Mercury Work Group Purpose and Objectives

Mercury is a complex issue that involves multiple arenas including air quality & deposition, water quality, fish, wildlife and human health. Recent attention on mercury and its potential impacts to Utah have underscored the need for focus and coordination on this potentially hazardous compound that is finding its way into our environment. The Utah Statewide Mercury Work Group will provide a mechanism and information platform to accomplish the following:

- To provide the citizens of Utah with current, accurate and understandable information on the human and ecological concerns posed by mercury.
- To develop an ongoing systematic, logical, and defensible mercury monitoring program to assess mercury levels in fish and waterfowl tissue.
- To share technical information, data, and results of any investigations on mercury.
- To coordinate and collaborate efforts by private and public entities in researching mercury issues in Utah in order to most effectively utilize available resources.
- To identify information or data gaps that may exist and develop a plan to obtain the needed information.
- To provide the citizens of Utah with access to mercury data, advisories, and information via websites, printed materials, and contact information from public health officials.
- To accomplish these objectives so as to avoid duplication of effort and wasting of limited resources.