

Summary of the Utah Mercury Work Group Meeting

May 12, 2009

MERCURY WORK GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT

John Whitehead, Chairman	DEQ/ Division of Water Quality
Walt Donaldson	DNR/ Division of Wildlife Resources
Paul Dremann	Trout Unlimited
Mark Martin	Department of Agriculture & Food
Bruce Waddell	Duck Clubs
Chris Cline	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service/ Contaminants Program
Dave Naftz	U.S. Geological Survey
Scott Everett	DEQ/Div. of Environmental Response & Remediation
Jeff Salt	Environmental Interests
Kevin Okelberry	Salt Lake Valley Health Department
Jim Berkley	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (by conf. call)
Clay Perschon	DNR/Division of Wildlife Resources
James Campbell	Power Generating Industry
David Litvin	Mining Representative
Christina McNaughton	Utah Department of Health
Steve Packman	DEQ/Division of Air Quality
Kent Hawk	Utah Department of Agriculture
Bill Johnson	University of Utah
Jason Walker	Tribal Interests

OTHERS PRESENT

Amy Dickey	DEQ/ Division of Water Quality
Jodi Gardberg	DEQ/ Division of Water Quality
Hillary Arens	DEQ/ Division of Water Quality
Scott Daly	DEQ/ Division of Water Quality
Mansuel Pierce	Great Salt Lake Alliance
Mike Stark	Associated Press
Abigail Rudd	University of Utah
Lana Richards	University of Utah
Greg Carling	University of Utah
Briant Kimball	USGS
Terry Snyder	BLM
Bonnie Baxter	Westminster College
Larry Scanlan	Utah Department of Health
McKell Drury	Utah Department of Health
Louise Saw	Utah Department of Health
Janice Panichello	Utah Department of Health
Greg Williams	Utah Department of Health
John Luft	DNR/Division of Wildlife Resources
Phil Brown	DNR/Division of Wildlife Resources
Jim VanLeeuwen	DNR/Division of Wildlife Resources

Otis Willoughby	DEQ/Division of Solid & Hazardous Waste
Jon Parry	DEQ/Division of Solid & Hazardous Waste
Chris Bittner	DEQ/Division of Solid & Hazardous Waste
Larry Larkin	DEQ/Division of Air Quality
Bryce Bird	DEQ/Division of Air Quality
Joe Randolph	DEQ/Division of Air Quality
Andy Haze	DEQ/Division of Air Quality
Neal Olson	DEQ/Division of Air Quality
Bo Call	DEQ/Division of Air Quality
Rusty Ruby	DEQ/Division of Air Quality
Nicole Tharp	DEQ/Division of Air Quality
Ping Xi	DEQ/Division of Air Quality
Lynn Menlove	DEQ/Division of Air Quality
Cheryl Heying	DEQ/Division of Air Quality
Doug Bacon	DEQ/DERR
Danielle Criddle	Utah State University
Judy Fahys	Salt Lake Tribune
Stacy Adams	DEQ/Office of Planning & Public Affairs
Dawn Fifield	Battelle
Sandie Spence	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (by conf. call)

1. Call to Order, Roll Call of Utah Mercury Work Group, Audience Introductions:

John Whitehead of DEQ Division of Water Quality (DWQ) called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. Roll Call of the Work Group was taken and the audience introduced.

2. Approval of the February 11, 2009 Meeting Summary:

(Refer to the recording at time 1:15)

John Whitehead, DWQ asked if there were questions or comments concerning the February 11, 2009 Meeting Summary. Members of the workgroup requested that the summary be circulated closer to the time the meeting was held rather than just before the next meeting.

3. Mercury Cycling in Aquatic Ecosystems, Things That Matter Other Than Loading – Dave Krabbenhoft, USGS Wisconsin Water Science Center

(Refer to the recording at time 3:55)

Dave Krabbenhoft, USGS Wisconsin Water Science Center gave a presentation titled “MERCURY CYCLING IN AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS, THINGS THAT MATTER OTHER THAN LOADING”. The presentation is posted at this web address:
http://www.deq.utah.gov/Issues/Mercury/docs/Dr_Dave_Krabbenhoft_USGS_Presentation_Utah_Mercury_Workgroup_2009.pdf

Questions/Comments: (Refer to the recording at time 53:33)

4. Biogeochemical Cycling of Mercury in Wetlands Surrounding Great Salt Lake - Dave Naftz, USGS

(Refer to the recording at time 1:34:27)

Dave Naftz, USGS gave a presentation titled “BIOGEOCHEMICAL CYCLING OF MERCURY IN WETLANDS SURROUNDING GREAT SALT LAKE”. The presentation is posted at this web address:

http://www.deq.utah.gov/Issues/Mercury/docs/Update_on_Great_Salt_Lake_Mercury_Ecosystem_Assessment.pdf

Questions/Comments: Refer to the recording at time 1:54:37

5. Mercury Website – Stacey Adams, Utah Department of Environmental Quality

(Refer to the recording at time 2:01:00)

6. Update on Great Salt Lake Mercury Ecosystem Assessment - Jodi Gardberg, Utah Division of Water Quality

(Refer to the recording at time 2:05:09)

Jodi Gardberg, Utah Division of Water Quality gave a presentation titled “UPDATE ON THE GREAT SALT LAKE MERCURY ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT”. The presentation is posted at this web address: http://www.deq.utah.gov/Issues/Mercury/docs/Dr_Dave_Naftz_USGS_Presentation.pdf

8. Next Meeting Schedule and Topics

The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2009 and will be held at DEQ, room 101 from 9:00 to 11:30 AM.

(Refer to the recording at time 2:10:50 for next topics)