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Environmental Response Director Named Deputy Director of DEQ

Salt Lake City, Utah – Amanda Smith, executive director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today that Brad Johnson, the Director of the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation (DERR), will be the deputy director, replacing Bill Sinclair, who plans to retire on December 11.

“I am confident that Brad’s extensive experience with the Department and his strong management style give him the tools to be a very successful Deputy Director,” Smith said. He was chosen after an extensive search from a field of qualified applicants.

Johnson has been with DEQ for 26 years. He began his career in the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste before moving to DERR, where he has served as director for the past six years.

Johnson said he welcomes the change.

“I’m very excited about this,” he said. “I look forward to continuing to work with stakeholders, legislators, and the public on DEQ issues in my position as Deputy Director,” Johnson said.

Johnson will assume his Deputy Director duties on November 9 where he will work alongside Sinclair for the weeks preceding Bill’s retirement.

Johnson, 54, lives in Kaysville with his wife, Annette and four children, ages 14 to 19. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree and Master’s of Science in Geology from Brigham Young University in 1981 and 1983.

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