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New Director Appointed to head Solid and Hazardous Waste

Salt Lake City, Utah – Scott Anderson, manager overseeing hazardous waste, will become the director of the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste, replacing Dennis Downs who retires at the end of April.

Amanda Smith, executive director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), recently announced his appointment to begin May 3.

“Scott has done an excellent job at DEQ and I’m confident he will continue to shine,” Smith said.

Anderson has been with DEQ for nearly 30 years; the last 18 years he has served as the Branch Manager overseeing hazardous waste issues. He graduated from Brigham Young University in 1980 with an environmental health sciences degree.

Anderson said he looks forward to heading the Division.

“I’m excited about this opportunity,” Anderson said. “I plan to continue to work with stakeholders to meet the challenges ahead.”

Anderson, 56, lives in Pleasant Grove with his wife, Annette. They have two children and five grandchildren.

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