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Donna Kemp Spangler Appointed Communications Director

Salt Lake City, Utah – Amanda Smith, executive director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today the appointment of Donna Kemp Spangler as the Communications Director of DEQ.

Spangler will continue to act as the agency's public information officer but expand her duties to include overseeing a staff to better focus on ways to communicate issues to the public.

“In our efforts to improve transparency with the public we are refocusing our Communications Team on increasing our ability to reach the public by utilizing social media and DEQ's Web site,” said Smith. “Donna has the ability to guide our team to effectively communicate the complex environmental issues we face so the public can make informed decisions.”

Spangler has been with DEQ since 2005 after a 20-year career as a journalist. She covered environmental issues for the Deseret News from 1999 to 2004 and spent a year as a reporter in Washington, D.C. covering nuclear waste, nuclear energy, and low-level waste disposal for a trade publication.

“I look forward to this great opportunity,” Spangler said, “and I have a great team committed to improving the way we communicate issues. I welcome people to follow DEQ issues by visiting our Web site: www.deq.utah.gov, or follow us on facebook at www.facebook.com/newseq or twitter @deqdonna.”

Spangler earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Portland in 1986. She and her husband, Jerry Spangler, have written two books, “Treasures of the Tavaputs” and “Horned Snakes and Axle Grease: A Guide to Archeology, History and Rock Art of Nine Mile Canyon.”

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