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New Online Environmental Permitting Tool Launched for Utah Businesses

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) today announced the launch of a new online tool to assist local and national businesses in Utah's environmental permitting process.

The new information tool, called the "Permit Wizard," is designed to help companies and individuals involved in activities regulated by the DEQ determine what permits, registrations and authorizations may be needed for a specific project or business development.

"Businesses are continuously faced with a growing number of complex regulations that can be difficult to track," said Brent Everett, director of the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation. "The Permit Wizard is a tool that will not only help businesses navigate the environmental permitting process, but also allow the DEQ to better serve Utah's business community by improving efficiencies across all our processes."

Developed by a team of environmental leaders at the DEQ, the Permit Wizard was created to improve efficiencies in the permitting process from air quality and drinking water permits, to radiation control and hazardous waste certifications. The tool operates much like DEQ's current "Pre-Design Meeting," which involves DEQ permitting representatives and is offered for businesses seeking all applicable environmental permits. Currently, processing a permit application can take between 21 and 180 days or more, depending on the permits required and the size and complexity of the project. The Permit Wizard will reduce the amount of time and need for in-person meetings and ultimately condense permitting process times.

The Permit Wizard offers step-by-step guidance for users unsure of what permits, licenses and certifications might be needed for their specific projects. The Permit Wizard is available online at http://permitwizard.deq.utah.gov.

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