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**State Environmental Director Applauds Clean Air Activists**

SALT LAKE CITY – Following today's Clean Air Rally, Department of Environmental Quality Executive Director Amanda Smith issued the following statement:

"I applaud everyone whose concerns about our air quality have motivated them to become engaged towards meaningful solutions. We recognize that Utah's air quality is unacceptable. Those who take the time to research this issue and push for changes are making our process stronger. For the past four years, the Department of Environmental Quality's Air Quality scientists have worked closely with the Environmental Protection Agency and University scientists to define our air quality challenges and, more importantly, identify solutions. The State Implementation Plan for wintertime pollution, approved in December 2013, is only a first step. Every citizen of Utah can and must engage in making the solutions a reality."

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**About DEQ**

Established in 1991, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) mission is to safeguard public health and quality of life by protecting and enhancing the environment. DEQ implements state and federal environmental laws and works with individuals, community groups and businesses to protect the quality of Utah's air, land and water. For more information, visit [www.deq.utah.gov](http://www.deq.utah.gov), follow DEQ on Facebook ([newseq](#)) and Twitter ([@UTDEQ](#)), or call 1-800-458-0145.