

Celebrating 25 Years

# Creation of the Utah Voluntary Cleanup Program

There are numerous sites where soil, groundwater, surface water and sediment have been impacted by past uses. Many of these sites are being addressed through the proper regulatory framework to assure appropriate cleanup and protection of human health and the environment. However, for many of these sites, a regulatory framework may not exist and the owners of these properties or prospective purchasers may wish to perform cleanups to facilitate land transfers or for other reasons.

From the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) perspective, there is a benefit to Utah citizens, local economies and the environment in having owners and prospective purchasers come forward and conduct a voluntary cleanup. Recognizing this mutual benefit to landowners and the State, the Utah State Legislature passed the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) under the direction of DEQ effective May 5, 1997.

To date, numerous sites have been assessed and/or cleaned up from the Uintah Basin to Wendover and from Cache County to Washington County. Since the inception of the VCP, 88 applications have been received and 45 "Certificates of Completion" and six "No Further Action" letters have been issued. In addition, eight sites have been designated "No Further Remedial Action Planned" by the Environmental Protection Agency and over 1,000 acres of impacted property have been returned to beneficial use.



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