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MEMORANDUM

TO: Utah Water Quality Board

THROUGH: Walter L. Baker, P.E. 

FROM: John Mackey, P.E.
Manager, Engineering Section

DATE: February 24, 2016

SUBJECT: Request to Adopt Rule R317-1-3.3, Technology-Based Limits for Controlling Phosphorus Pollution Amendment

On November 24, 2015, the Utah Water Quality Board approved staff's request to proceed with rulemaking for the subject rule amendments. The proposed amendment modifies the rule to address comments received from POTWs regarding the necessary time for implementation of phosphorus control technologies. The proposed amendment also incorporates a voluntary wastewater treatment optimization element designed to encourage nitrogen pollution reductions and provides clarification to the basis of the phosphorus discharge cap, its implementation schedule, and to the requirements for manual collection of composite samples. Minor formatting changes to the rule are also included with the amendment. The 30-day public comment period closed on February 1, 2016. No comments were received during the comment period. The proposed revisions to this rule may be viewed at:

<http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/bulletin/2016/20160101/39981.htm>

Staff requests that the Utah Water Quality Board now adopt this amendment into R317-1-3, *Requirements for Waste Discharges*, effective on the date of adoption.