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"Utah's Air Quality; Progress and Practice under the Utah Air Conservation Act"

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Abstract

Utah's air quality has benefited significantly from the regulatory programs administered by the Department of Environmental Quality. A review and history of the key milestones and examples of the significant planning and regulatory efforts highlight the reductions in air pollutants and corresponding social improvements. Current efforts to address winter particulate, rural ozone and visibility represent today's focus. Future progress will depend on the willingness to address current challenges with planning and a deeper commitment to build upon the trends of improved air quality while remaining one of the fastest growing regions of the nation.

Bio

Bryce Bird was appointed as the Air Quality Division Director at the Utah Department of Environmental Quality in June 2011, after having managed the Division's Planning Branch, Compliance Branch, and Hazardous Air Pollutants Section. Bryce completed a degree in biology at the University of Utah and has a key interest in ensuring that regulatory programs are tied to air quality improvements.