

Public Notice

Nominations for Water Quality Health Advisory Panel

The Division of Water Quality, in partnership with the Department of Health, is organizing a new Water Quality Health Advisory Panel. The panel's objective will be to coordinate and communicate on water quality issues associated with specific public health concerns. Initially the group will focus on *E. coli*, mercury, and harmful algal blooms (HABs), but we expect that other issues may arise in the future which would be appropriate for the panel to address.

The formation of the panel will require dissolution and consolidation of the existing Statewide Mercury Workgroup, *E. coli* workgroup, and the ad hoc HABs workgroup. Combining these groups into a single advisory panel will be more efficient by eliminating overlap among members of the workgroups. Also, it will help ensure that solutions to these interrelated problems are more consistent.

DWQ is currently seeking nominations for the following membership slots:

- * Publically Owned Treatment Works (POTWs) interests
- * Agricultural interests (beyond veterinary and fish health positions)
- * Mining and/or industry interests
- * Ecology, limnology, and/or contaminant expert
- * Medical health professional
- * Boating and fishing recreation interests
- * Environmental interests
- * Drinking water utilities

A short description of the goals, objectives, and proposed make-up of the group is posted along with this notice. Nominations should be sent to Erica Gaddis (egaddis@utah.gov) and must include the name, affiliation, resume, and the membership slot for which you are nominating (one of those listed above). DWQ will be accepting nominations until May 1.