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Industry & Public Invited to Help Form New Air Rules

Salt Lake City, Utah – The Division of Air Quality (DAQ) is seeking technical input from the business community and the public on new rules that will be proposed as part of an air quality plan to meet federal wintertime pollution standards.

DAQ is hosting a series of informational meetings held July 9-14 to discuss potential pollution controls to be placed on industry to bring much of northern Utah into compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards for particulate pollution, known as PM 2.5.

“What we have learned throughout the stages of developing a SIP is that there’s no single, silver bullet to meet the federal standards,” said Bryce Bird, director of DAQ. “The emissions that form the air pollution we are experiencing during the winter are coming from a variety of business sectors that range from bakeries, hotels, autobody shops to furniture makers, and graphic art shops.”

The primary driver of PM 2.5 – tiny soot that can get trapped in the lungs – is the chemical reaction that occurs when volatile organic compounds (VOC) are emitted as gases from an array of products so controlling the VOCs will be the focus of rule-making that the Air Quality Board will consider adopting after holding public hearings.

But before the Board considers the rules, DAQ is hosting the following meetings held at:

- 1 p.m. July 9, Department of Environmental Quality’s Board Room, 1015 located at the Multi Agency State Office Building, 195 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City. This meeting will only focus on surface coating operations that release the VOCs, such as, surface-coating operations of fabric and vinyl, metal and wood furniture, coatings of film and foil and plastic parts, and coatings of large appliances, and autobody refinishing.
- 5:30 p.m. July 11, Department of Environmental Quality’s Board Room, 1015 located at the Multi Agency State Office Building, 195 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City.

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- This meeting will only focus on the VOC emission sources from large industrial baking ovens and operators who use appliances with pilot lights and wood stoves.
- 10-11:30 a.m.; noon to 1:30 p.m., July 14, Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Brigham City. The morning session will only be for surface coating operations. The afternoon session will only focus on VOC emission sources from large industrial baking ovens and operators who use appliances with pilot lights and wood stoves.

For information on the draft rules, visit: <http://www.airquality.utah.gov/Public-Interest/Current-Issues/pm2.5/drafrules.html>.

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