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Honorable Gary R. Herbert
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Dear Governor Herbert:

This letter is in response to the request from your office for approval of the 2009 Salt Lake Countywide Water Quality Stewardship Plan (WaQSP). EPA reviewed this submittal and has found that the plan addresses all of the elements required by the Clean Water Act and 40 C.F.R. § 130.6(c). Therefore, I am pleased to approve this plan.

EPA appreciates Salt Lake County's efforts to develop a comprehensive plan that identifies and prioritizes water quality concerns. In the next planned update of the WaQSP in 2015, Salt Lake County will need to incorporate some key changes and new information emerging over the next several years, including:

- Load reductions for both point and nonpoint sources of pollution that will be identified in the Jordan River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which is scheduled for completion in 2011;
- Use of 2010 census data;
- New plans for water supply and reuse;
- Nutrient criteria currently under development by the Utah Division of Water Quality;
- Data from the new Jordan Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant;
- Evaluation of Jordan River impacts to the Great Salt Lake and its associated wetlands; and
- Consideration to the most sensitive designated uses in downstream waters, and identification of the necessary upstream water quality controls that may be needed to protect these waters.

It is my understanding that this plan will be continually updated on a five to six year cycle, and that a funding mechanism will be developed for implementation, monitoring, and ongoing planning. The importance of continuing this effort is vital, as it is through integrated areawide planning efforts such as this that the complex problems of water quality impairments
are solved. Should your staff have any questions regarding this matter, the most knowledgeable person on our staff is Gary Kleeman, who may be reached at (303) 312-6246.

Sincerely,

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