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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO UTAH ADMINISTRATIVE CODE R317-  
2, STANDARDS OF QUALITY FOR WATERS OF THE STATE**

The Utah Water Quality Board is proposing amendments to Utah's water quality standards. The proposed amendments use the best available science and improve the protection of Utah's waters:

- Update Utah's Colorado River Salinity Standards to reference a 2023 review
- Add numeric criteria for methylmercury to Utah's human health criteria
- Add numeric criteria for cyanotoxins for the protection of recreational uses

The amendments are published in the [April 15, 2025 Utah State Bulletin](#). For more information, supporting documents, or to submit comments on the proposed amendments visit [waterquality.utah.gov](http://waterquality.utah.gov).

Written comments will be accepted until 6:00 p.m. June 3, 2025

Questions? Contact Jake Vander Laan, [jvander@utah.gov](mailto:jvander@utah.gov)

**PUBLIC HEARING**

June 2, 2025 6:00-7:00 PM

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