

## UTAH ACTIVITIES

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To the P2 Roundtable:

Sorry I was unable to attend this years meeting. It has been crazy here in Utah! I will be at next years meeting and will also be putting together a presentation after the Games which will describe in more detail Utah's efforts: successes and failures, and hopefully present it at the National P2 Roundtable in the spring.

Here are just a few examples of what I have been working on.

I continue to work on Pollution Prevention activities related to the Olympics. These include:

1. Air Quality

*Transportation Demand Management* strategies (telework, compressed work week, staggered work hours, etc). These are being promoted and tracked for State agencies and private businesses. We have had several workshops to discuss these strategies and promote the concepts before, during and after Games time.

*Idling Bus Demo Project.* This project will demonstrate how buses (and semi trucks) can be turned off and still maintain comfort for passengers. During Games time, hundreds of buses will be staged at parking lots. Due to the cold weather, the common practice is for buses to keep running so that when passengers return, they won't have to be uncomfortable. This program will demonstrate equipment that is available to buses and semis so they can be turned off and have warm air and electricity piped in without the effects of large amounts of diesel emissions.

*Industry Contingency Program.* We are also working with major industries along the Wasatch Front that emit pollutants to ask that they voluntarily reduce or shut down certain processes which can significantly impact air quality in case of a major inversion during Games time. My hope is that if we have a severe inversion and companies see what a difference they can make and receive positive press, they may be more willing to do it in the future. Salt Lake has a long history with inversions because of the valley in which it is located.

2. Golf Course Demo Project

This project is being done in Summit County, the fastest growing County in Utah and with major water quality problems. It is a very upscale area (Park City, Deer Valley) where the major industry is tourism. There are several golf courses in the area which have impacts on critical streams. We are currently developing BMP's

for this resort that can then be shared with other resorts with the same types of climate location etc. One aspect of the project is to increase natural vegetation along streams and rivers. This requires golf superintendents to get approval to remove turf and is a major educational project on its own! We have decided that if members are educated about the reasons for the turf removal and understand the overall environmental benefits, they will be more supportive of the project. We are having photos developed that show the current area and how it looks. These photos will then be taken and enhanced to show how the area will look when the natural vegetative growth has filled in. These will be poster size and be located in the clubhouse lobby along with other information about the project and the positive changes on the course. This is one of the projects that I will continue after the Games and will have more info at next year's conference.

### 3. CAFO/AFO Education

Worked with the Soil Conservation Service and Utah State University to develop curriculum to train local's on the issues of CAFO's and water quality and protection. I will send info to Linda that she should have for the conference.

### 4. Utah Environmental Partners

This is a new partnership effort which will pick up the efforts of all of the environmental community after Games time. We also currently work without the constraints of SLOC and work on environmental Olympic activities. We are currently working to populate a database for a new web site ([www.UEP.com](http://www.UEP.com)) that serves to describe all enviro efforts going on in Utah. These include those of government, industry, communities, and environmental groups.