

1. What is DHHS EEP doing about public health concerns related to odor complaints associated with the Heber Valley Special Service District (HVSSD)?

The Utah Department of Health and Human Service (DHHS) Environmental Epidemiology Program Environmental Epidemiology Program (EEP) is conducting a health consultation at the request of the Summit County Health Department. On February 27, 2024, EEP held a public needs assessment meeting with community members to learn about community concerns related to odor complaints associated with the HVSSD. The health consultation will focus on potential community exposure to hydrogen sulfide (H₂S). EEP is also collecting odor complaints from community members [here](#).

2. What is a public health consultation?

EEP conducts a public health consultation when a specific health question or issue arises about a possible environmental hazard. A consultation focuses on a specific question and can address public health issues such as a chemical or radiological contamination, epidemiology, or provide technical advice on sampling and remediation plans. Public health consultations are not medical examinations, community health studies, or public health assessments. You can review the [EEP public health evaluation document](#) to learn more about the steps in the EEPs process.

3. What are the current monitoring plans?

EEP uses air monitors placed in the community and at HVSSD facility to monitor H₂S. An air monitor was placed at HVSSD on March 26, 2025. Two community monitors were placed on April 9, 2025 and a third was placed on April 21, 2025. Monitoring will end July 21, 2025. The Utah Department of Environmental Quality is also assisting EEP in monitoring local meteorological data. Two MET stations were deployed on March 21, 2025, one at the facility and one in the community. MET data was also collected at the same locations from March 2024 to October 2024.

4. What are the next steps after monitoring is complete?

EEP evaluates the air monitoring data and identifies any exposure pathways for contaminants of concern. A screening analysis of the data follows to identify pathways and contaminants that require further evaluation. The results of the analysis will be summarized in the health consultation report. The draft report is sent out for public comment and the recommendations in the final report will be presented at a community meeting.

5. I have an odor complaint, what can I do?

Fill out our [online complaint form](#) if you have an odor complaint. You can also keep an [odor diary log](#) to track odors.

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6. Members of my family (or me) are feeling sick, who do I contact?

Contact your primary care provider if you are feeling ill.

7. Are the lagoons out of compliance or violating their permit?

The Utah Department of Health and Human Service does not regulate any source of air or water contaminants. The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ) has previously addressed questions from the public regarding compliance, performance, and concerns over water quality in a [letter](#). Contact UDEQ at deqinfo@utah.gov for additional questions regarding permitting or compliance.

8. Who can I contact if I have additional questions?

Contact APPLETREE@utah.gov if you have additional questions.