



Media Advisory

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Utah Air Polluter Fines and Penalties Addressed by SB 208, sponsored by Senator Escamilla

Salt Lake City – Air quality for many Utahns is the number one priority to be addressed during the 2015 Utah legislative session. SB 208, sponsored by Senator Luz Escamilla, addresses penalties and fines for polluters.

"Utah's air quality has become a serious issue," exclaims Senator Luz Escamilla, "I am introducing SB 208 to provide the DEQ with more tools to be more effective when it comes to enforcing our current laws by extending the statute of limitations and allowing for portions of money collected from fines to be utilized for remediation programs."

"Senator Escamilla's bill demonstrates that Utah takes its clean air laws seriously and, while we welcome businesses, we are not a haven to those interested in exploiting lax enforcement or consequences for violating established clean air laws," states Ingrid Karoline Griffiee, Executive Director, Utah Moms for Clean Air

WHAT: Presentation of SB 208 - Air Quality Amendments, before Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee

When: Thursday, February 26 at 8:00am

Where: Room 415 of the State Senate Building

Bill SB 208 – **AIR QUALITY AMENDMENTS**, modifies penalties for a violation of portions of Air Conservation 10 Act, and extends the statute of limitations for a violation of Title 19, Environmental Quality Code.

Highlighted Provisions:

- increases civil penalties against a person who violates the Air Conservation Act
- authorizes the DAQ to use a portion of penalty money for environmental remediation
- states statute of limitations for a violation of the Environmental Quality Code is five years

SB 208 Link here: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0208.html>

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