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The Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah (HEAL Utah) has been an environmental advocate, watchdog, and strategic influencer in Utah for over 20 years. By empowering grassroots advocates, using science-based solutions, and developing common-sense policy, HEAL has a track record of tackling some of the biggest threats to Utah's environment and public health - and succeeding. The organization focuses on clean air, energy and climate, and radioactive waste. HEAL uses well-researched legislative, regulatory, and individual responsibility approaches to create tangible change and then utilizes grassroots action to make it happen.

# History

HEAL Utah's roots date back to the mid-1990s in Utah's west desert, where people were concerned about the Army's proposed weapons incineration. Coming together as the Families Against Incinerator Risk (FAIR), this scrappy group of advocates had significant success in curtailing weapons incineration and expanded their work to combat toxic pollution, from emitters like Magcorp, and radioactive waste disposal near their communities. In 2001, these advocates changed their name to the Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah (HEAL Utah). As HEAL Utah, they continued the fight against toxic pollution and radioactive waste disposal throughout the state. Today, we still stay true to HEAL's legacy mission but have expanded our campaigns to address some of the other major issues that Utah faces clean air and climate, and energy.

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#### Mission

Statement HEAL Utah promotes renewable energy and protects public health and the environment from dirty, toxic, and nuclear energy threats.

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#### **Radioactive Waste**

Utah has a long, tragic history with radioactive and other toxic materials. Since HEAL's inception, we have fought to protect the communities threatened with exposure to these poisonous substances, and we continue this fight today. We address radioactive waste issues by harnessing the power of grassroots advocates, educating ourselves and others on the technical science behind the hazards of such waste, and watchdogging corporations that profit from it.

more sustainable, economic path forward. Creating a cleaner future will require a transition to renewable energy both on a personal and industrywide scale. We rely on technical modeling to help inform our policy and regulatory recommendations at the local and statewide levels.

area sources, and industry — and we split our time on clean air between the legislature, regulatory agencies, the private business sector, and the general public. **Energy and Climate** A clean energy future can both mitigate climate change and put Utah on a

air is the dominant environmental concern in the mind of people throughout Utah's northern and eastern valleys. In the winter, small particles called PM2.5 clog our urban areas while, in the summer, invisible ozone pollution plagues these valleys and those in the Uintah Basin. Our work addresses the three main air pollution emission sources in these regions — vehicles,

Issues

We believe there isn't just one path to solving Utah's biggest environmental threats. That's why we take multi-pronged approaches to all our issues. We prioritize smart and strategic advocacy for policies that will result in actual, tangible changes. We work to educate and engage as many decision-makers as possible — from legislators and regulators to industry, business, and the general public. We spend time at the Capitol and in city halls, and out in communities throughout Utah, pushing for a better tomorrow.













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