

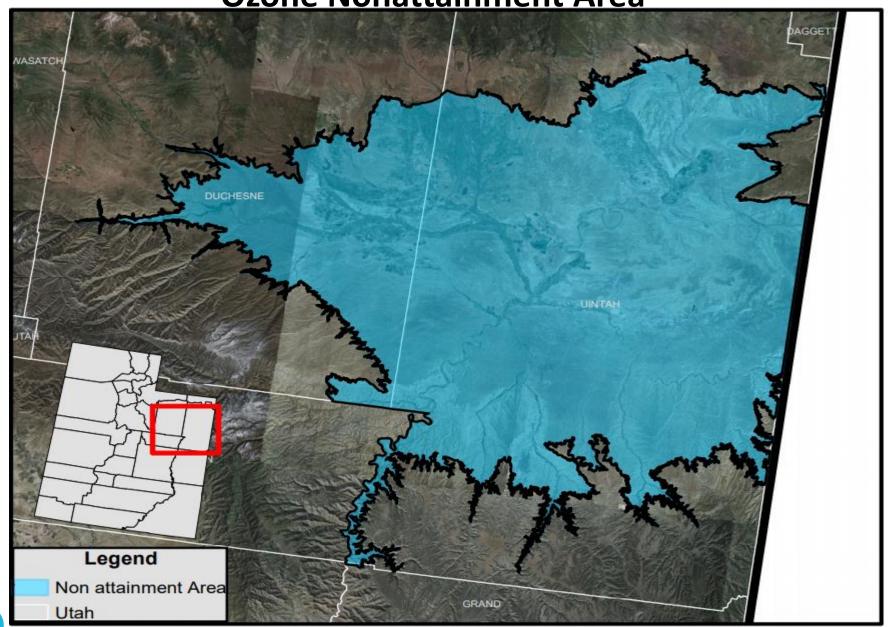
# **Utah Agency Update**

Four Corners Air Quality Group Update Meeting



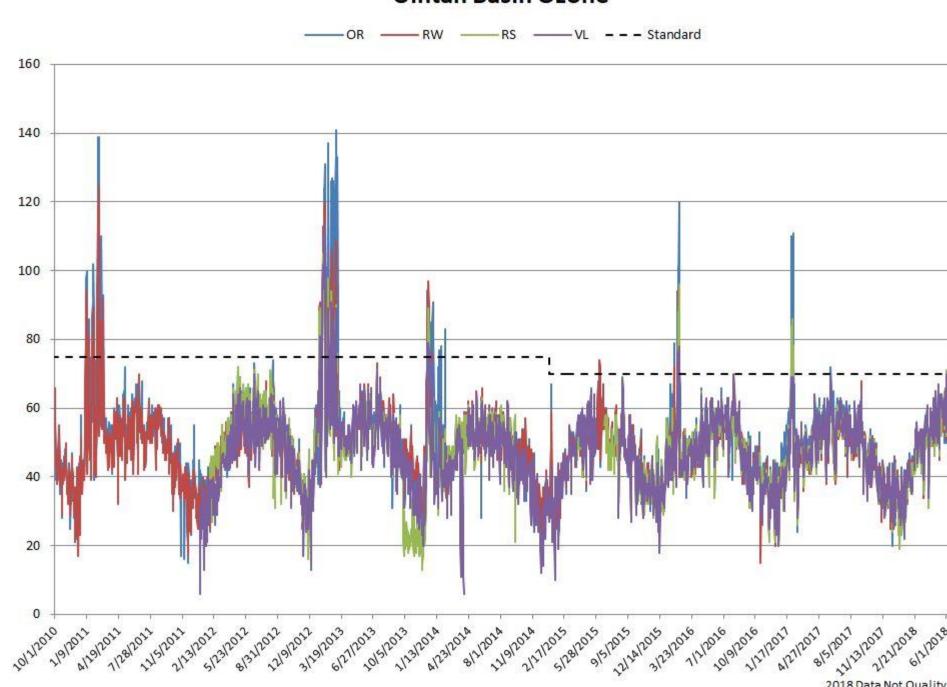
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**Ozone Nonattainment Area** 

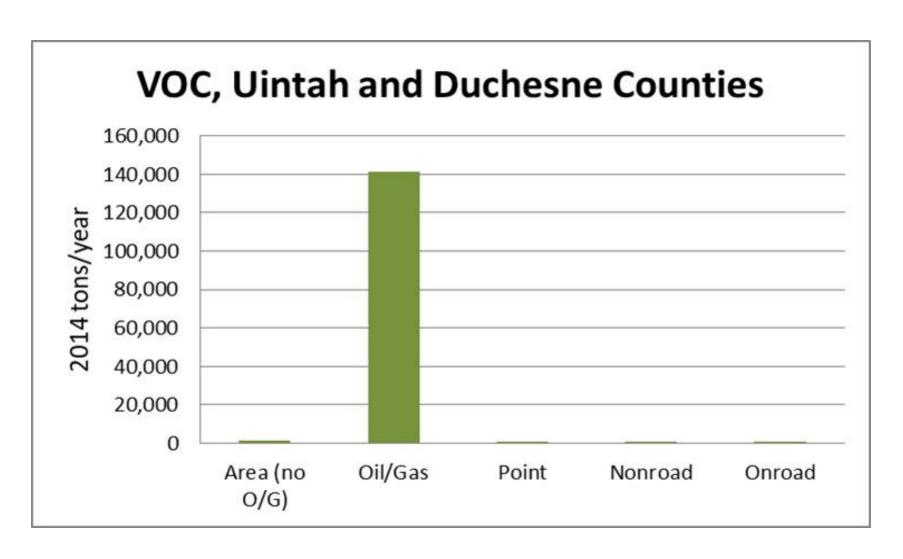




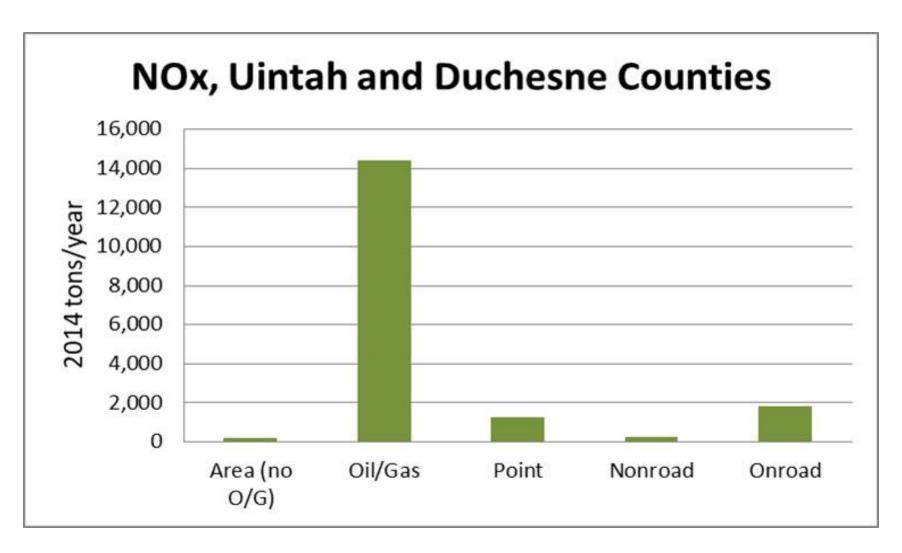
#### **Uintah Basin Ozone**

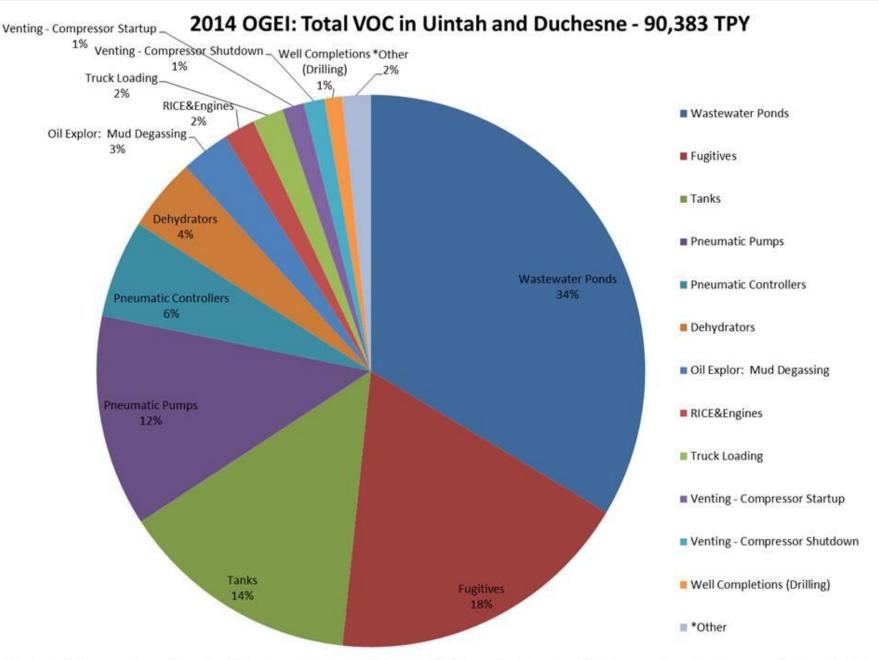


# Oil and Gas Inventory



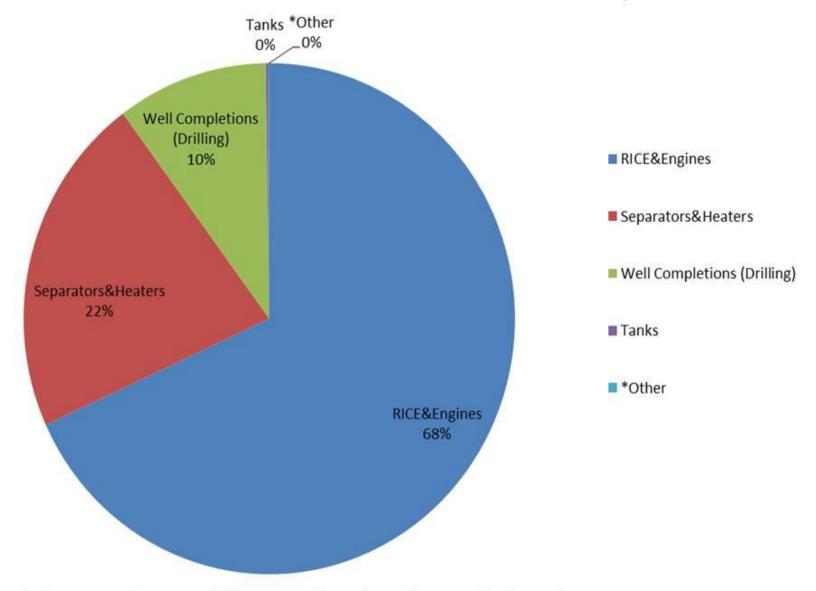
# Oil and Gas Inventory





<sup>\*</sup>Other: Solid Waste Disposal, Venting - blowdowns, Separators&Heaters, Mud Degassing, Venting - initial completions, Venting recompletions, Gas Plant truck Loading

#### 2014 OGEI: Total NOx in Uintah and Duchesne - 13,527 TPY



<sup>\*</sup>Other: Dehydratprs, Condensate tank flaring, Initial completion flaring, Dehydrator Flaring

- The new series of oil and gas rules (R307-505 to 509) for the State of Utah were in effect as of March 2018
- Rules were based on current BACT that has been required for minor sources in Utah
- Utah rules require all sources to be permitted, with a de minimis value of 5 tpy of VOCs
- Large majority of minor source permits were being issued for oil and gas well sites
- Many oil and gas sites voluntarily controlled emissions to be below the 5 tpy limit, however we were not aware of how many or where these sources were

- First step of new rules are all oil and gas sources, regardless of size of emissions, will register with the UDAQ
- Required existing oil and gas sources on State land to register with UDAQ by July 1, 2018 and certify that they are in compliance with all rules
- To date 2,223 sources registered, DOGM data shows 2,859 producing oil and gas wells so about 78% of sources are registered

- Rules for oil and gas wells apply to sites with tanks with throughput greater than 8,000 barrels of crude oil or 2,000 barrels of condensate per year on rolling 12-month average
- This equated to our BACT for tank controls, 4 tpy VOCs per tank battery
- If required to control tanks, then required to perform LDAR equivalent to OOOOa and also control tank loading operations
- Well sites established after January 1, 2016 required to have compliance natural gas engines

- Currently have Associated Gas Flaring Rule out for public comment – R307-511 (Oct 1-30)
- Rule supplements ability for sources to utilize the Permit-by-Rule option rather than applying for a permit
- Rule requires well sites to control or flare associated gas with production rather than venting

### Uinta Basin Ozone Work Group

- Stakeholder group with representation from industry, local government, environmental advocates, academics, state and federal agencies
- Goal of group is through collaboration and shared knowledge to identify
  - Effective, economically viable measures to reduce ozone levels in the Uinta Basin
  - Policies, public information, educational resources, and beneficial actions to support ozone level reductions

### Uinta Basin Ozone Work Group

- Working group has created seven subgroups
  - Immediate Proactive Reductions
  - Crediting Voluntary Reductions
  - Helpful Comparisons
  - Most Effective Reduction Targets
  - Accounting for Outside Factors
  - Jurisdictional Alignment
  - Public Relations and Education

#### The Path Forward

- Completing the 2017 Oil and Gas Inventory as this will most likely be the baseline for future milestones as a nonattainment area
- Support the Uinta Basin Ozone Working Group in understanding the issues and possible volunteer actions to lower the design value over the next 3 years
- Continue to evaluate new oil and gas rules and communicate requirements to industry and stake holder to ensure compliance
- Composition study to better understand emissions and modeling
- Work with EPA and Tribe to coordinate and support consistent oil and gas regulatory requirements

## Questions?/Discussion

Ozone information and Air Quality Information <a href="http://www.deq.utah.gov/">http://www.deq.utah.gov/</a>

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