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Dear Water and Wastewater System Officials:

Subject: Utah Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network

The Utah Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (UT-WARN) has been formed by your peers, state agencies and associations that represent your interests. The WARN system is a nationwide initiative that is intended to facilitate coordinated emergency response and assist with reimbursement in disasters for agencies who do respond. UT-WARN is a no-cost insurance policy for systems when they are faced with an emergency or disaster that overwhelms their ability to respond. It also will be the means of coordinating interstate response in federally declared disasters.

You provide an unheralded but highly valued and indispensable service to your community and as such it is imperative, in the event of an emergency, that your facilities are restored to full service as soon as possible. The UT-WARN provides a network of help in the event of an emergency. For this reason I urge all of Utah's drinking water and wastewater systems to join UT-WARN if they have not already done so. Information about joining is available at www.utwarn.org.

Please join in supporting this important piece of Utah's disaster and emergency response preparedness effort.

Regards,

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