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**Investments in Utah's Air Quality Continue**

*Oil and gas sector continue to expand Tier 3 fuels production, partnering with Utah to drive statewide air quality improvements*

**Salt Lake City, Utah** (March 31, 2020) — With HollyFrontier's announcement to produce Tier 3 fuels at their Woods Cross refinery, Utah's petroleum industry is celebrating increased Tier 3 fuel capacity and strides made to improve air quality across the state.

Moves by Utah refineries to invest and produce Tier 3 drives air quality benefits locally (rather than at out of state facilities) to meet the Environmental Protection Agency's low sulfur standards, and responds to Governor Gary Herbert's and our legislature's leadership on air quality and ozone issues. Today's announcement is more evidence that industry is stepping up to partner with policymakers, regulators and consumers to improve the environment and everyone's quality of life.

"I would like to thank Governor Herbert, our legislators, and state policymakers in Salt Lake City who continue to prioritize cleaner air in Utah," said Rikki Hrenko-Browning, President of the Utah Petroleum Association. "I know I speak for the Utah oil and gas employees when I say how proud I am to see our industry actively prioritizing the state's air quality through homegrown solutions such as Tier 3 fuels."

In Utah, vehicles account for approximately one half of all emissions. Along the Wasatch Front, vehicles represent the largest source of pollution during seasonal inversions and ozone events.

"I am pleased to join with all Utahns in my appreciation for HollyFrontier's announcement that they are supporting clean air and better health through the production of low-sulfur Tier 3 gasoline. The use of clean burning fuels is among the most important strategies that we have identified to improve Utah's air quality both in the summer and winter," said Bryce Bird, Director of the Utah Department of Air Quality. "Tier 3 gasoline improves the emissions performance of all cars built in the last 20 years and is a cost-effective solution to reduce emissions from the mobile source category - the largest source of emissions in Utah's urban centers."

Burned in a Tier 3 vehicle, Tier 3 gasoline results in an average 80% reduction in tailpipe emissions. According to Utah's Division of Air Quality, this is equivalent to taking four out of five vehicles off the road today.

"This is a very proud moment for our retailers across Utah. Tier 3 gasoline burns cleaner and is directly responsible for improvements to our air quality and ozone. This is a reminder that industry is a committed partner on energy and environment," said Rick Reese, Vice President of Sales at Kellerstrass Oil. "With today's announcement from HollyFrontier, I am particularly pleased retailers are putting consumers in the driver seat when it comes to choices that improve air quality in our community."

Despite current events and protocols in place driven by the historic COVID-19 response, the industry continues to ensure Utah's access to stable fuel supplies and deliver on Tier 3 fuels' air quality improvements. As we move forward, the industry will continue to do its utmost to meet safety guidelines and environmental standards.

"At times like these when most are thinking about business continuity and getting through COVID-19, it is remarkable to see the Utah oil and gas sector expanding availability of T3 fuels to consumers," said Utah Representative V. Lowry Snow. "This is the result of a multi-year partnership between advocates, policymakers and industry to improve air quality in Utah. I think it speaks to the innovation and ingenuity at play when we all pull together on practical solutions."

If you have questions about T3 fuels and the Utah oil and gas sector, please contact Rikki Hrenko-Browning at [rhrenko-browning@utahpetroleum.org](mailto:rhrenko-browning@utahpetroleum.org).

### **About the Utah Petroleum Association**

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