



FACT SHEET

Who are we?

The Salt Lake County Equitable Air Quality Task Force (Task Force) is comprised of a diverse group of individuals who are interested in finding socially and environmentally equitable ways to improve air quality in Salt Lake County and analyzing the effects of poor air quality on vulnerable populations throughout the valley. The Task Force is working to research and recommend projects and policy to improve Salt Lake County's air quality.

What do we do?

The purpose of the Task Force is to address the disproportionate impacts of poor air quality dispersed throughout Salt Lake County, to examine how air quality impacts people of varying socio-economic status, and to recommend mitigation strategies and investments. Some responsibilities of the Task Force include:

- Present annual reports summarizing air quality in Salt Lake County, with a particular focus on protecting vulnerable and susceptible populations.
- Receive public comment and assist in disseminating public information on air quality issues, plans, and programs.
- Develop and recommend policies and procedures to improve equitable air quality in Salt Lake County.

What is equitable air policy?

Air pollution in Salt Lake County is an environmental justice issue in that it disproportionately impacts communities throughout the valley, including but not limited to: people experiencing homelessness (both sheltered and unsheltered), the elderly, the young, geographically-vulnerable communities, communities of color, and additional under-represented populations. In order to address these differential impacts, air quality policy must be created that focuses on socially equitable solutions.

How will we address current issues?

1. Complete a research project on the differential impacts of poor air quality events among individuals experiencing homelessness to inform equitable air policy for Salt Lake County.
2. Create protection and communication policy for individuals experiencing homelessness.