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SUBJECT: Interception of Communications Policy		
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I. PURPOSE

To define the policy of the Department of Natural Resources regarding the interception of communications by department employees.

II. POLICY

A. General Policy Statement

Violators of the law often make extensive use of wire and/or oral communications in their criminal activities. The interception of such communication to obtain evidence of the commission of crimes or to prevent their commission is a part of the mission of the Department of Natural Resources. However, the seizure of communications like the seizure of physical evidence is strictly governed by federal law (18 USC, Section 2510, et seq.) and state law (chapter 77-23a, Utah Code Annotated, 1953) as amended. It is the policy that department employees understand these laws and conduct interception of communications accordingly.

B. Training

The department shall make available appropriate training concerning these laws to employees who may be involved in the interception of communications.

C. Penalties

Violation of these laws may carry severe criminal as well as civil penalties. Employees who violate these laws are also subject to department discipline, including possible dismissal from employment.