



MISSION

The Utah Geological Survey provides timely scientific information about Utah's geologic environment, resources, and hazards.

ROLE AND VALUE OF THE UTAH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

- Assessing and promoting energy and mineral resource development
- Reducing our vulnerability to natural hazards
- Providing information for wise land-use decisions
- Promoting the sustainable use of groundwater
- Serving as a long-term repository for Utah geologic information



CUSTOMERS

- UGS customers include many state agencies, local governments, federal agencies, industry, academia, and the public.

REVENUE

- Three main sources of revenue: General Funds (~ 60%), Contract revenue from Federal and Dedicated Credits (~ 20%), and Mineral Lease revenue (~20%)

EXPENDITURES

- Over the past three years all expenditure categories have been substantially reduced, including a ~ 20% reduction in staff. Staffing is now stable at 66 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees. Strategic investment in technology and software is being cautiously investigated.

CHALLENGES

- There is increasing demand for interactive databases on the web. The UGS has shifted resources to increase its data services, but it needs additional help to continue to maintain these important databases.
- Contract revenue is continually uncertain, as outside agency priorities and funding levels change.
- Mineral Lease revenues remain low due to a combination of low oil and gas prices and low levels of production on federal lands. Projections show continuing reductions in Mineral Lease revenue.
- Donations to the Utah Core Research Center have exceeded the facility's capacity. Options are being explored to enhance and expand the facility so that efficient and cost-effective service to the public can be maintained.