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The Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)  
1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 100  
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Dear STARS Steering Committee:

Utah State University has completed the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS). People from across the university have submitted and reviewed the data for accuracy. This report represents a snapshot of the campus on its path towards sustainability.

Utah State University is committed to enhancing the quality of life for the campus and surrounding communities by promoting sustainability in campus operations, academic, and service missions. From 1991 when President Cazier signed the Talloires Declaration to 2007 when the university became a signatory to the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) to the present, USU has made strides in environmental stewardship. The university has reduced its total water usage by approximately 40% since 2005. Programs such as Utah Conservation Corps have involved students as well as others in sustainability projects on and off campus. The Sustainability Council has joined representatives from across campus to work towards the goal of carbon neutrality. These programs and accomplishments and many others are evidence of the commitment of the USU community to improving quality of life and the environmental impact of USU.

Both AASHE and STARS have provided commendable leadership in sustainability in higher education, and the data contained in this report will provide guidance as USU prepares its graduates for the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. A final letter from President Albrecht is forthcoming.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexi Lamm".

Alexi Lamm  
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