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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Department and Agency Heads within Utah State Government

FROM: Scott M. Matheson, Governor 

DATE: January 11, 1979

RE: Collection of Information Relevant to Public Health Effects in Utah of Radiation Fallout from Nuclear Testing at the Nevada Site

As I believe you are aware, I have generally requested that all branches of state government review their files and make known to me the existence and identity of any documents or other information which may pertain to the abovedescribed subject. The purpose of this letter is to specifically request that you accept responsibility for seeing that a complete review is made of all archives and files in the possession or under the control of your agency and its constituent units to determine whether they contain information of any kind which might relate to the following: fallout from the testing, including its dispersion; the long- and short-term health effects on life forms of exposure to fallout; any actual or proposed precautions that were or could be taken to protect life forms from the effects of fallout; and any studies or tests proposed or actually undertaken regarding all these issues.

My staff and I are presently engaged in a joint state-federal review of past health studies and the formulation of further studies to be conducted within the state. So that we can knowledgeably participate in that undertaking, it is important that we be informed of the existence of any such information at the earliest possible time. Accordingly, simultaneous with your undertaking the file review described above, I would appreciate being informed of your timetable for its expected completion. When this review is completed, send me a list describing in some detail any and all pertinent documents or other information you have uncovered. I will see that you are contacted by my staff so that those documents can be reviewed.

I appreciate your cooperation in this endeavor. If you have any questions, please contact my office.