

Executive Document

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, beginning September 12, 2002, Santaquin City and the unincorporated area known as Spring Lake in Utah County, Utah, experienced heavy rainfall, flooding and numerous debris flows that damaged dozens of homes, public infrastructure, ruptured gas, water and electrical lines, agricultural land and an irrigation facility called the Highline Canal;

WHEREAS, one home was destroyed by fire as a result of a ruptured natural gas line and approximately 100 persons have been displaced from their homes as a result of the debris flows;

WHEREAS, large amounts of debris have created a continuing threat to public safety and health in the affected areas of Utah County;

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has determined that pockets of unstable soil still remain on the mountainside that could trigger additional debris flows;

WHEREAS, these conditions are expected to worsen if left unattended; and

WHEREAS, these conditions constitute a disaster emergency within the intent of the Disaster Response and Recovery Act of 1981;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Governor of the state of Utah, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the state of Utah,

DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT: It is found, determined and declared that a "State of Emergency" exists due to the aforesaid flooding and debris flows in Utah County, and the affected areas are declared to be a disaster requiring aid, assistance and relief available pursuant to state statutes, and the State Disaster Response Plan, which is activated.

In Testimony, Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah, this 14th day of September, 2002.

(State Seal)

Michael O. Leavitt
Governor

Attest:

Olene S. Walker
Lieutenant Governor

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