

# Executive Document

## Governor's Executive Order Declaring a State of Disaster Because of Water Shortage Due to the Canal Break in Weber County.

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the primary water supply to hundreds of highly productive farmers and ranchers has been severed by a canal breach; and

WHEREAS, the State of Utah has experienced significant damage to crops such as cabbage, barley, wheat, oats, hay, corn, onions, and other vegetables because of lack of water; and

WHEREAS, efforts to pump replacement water into the affected canal are producing about 50 percent of the typical water supply; and

WHEREAS, preliminary assessments indicate that nearly 13,000 acres of highly productive farm land have been affected by the water shortage with a projected economic loss in the millions of dollars;

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

DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT: It is found, determined and declared that a "State of Disaster" exists due to the aforesaid canal break in the State of Utah and that all such affected areas within the State are declared to be disasters requiring aid, assistance and relief available pursuant to the provisions of State statutes.

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah this 22nd day of July, 1999.

(State Seal)

Michael O. Leavitt  
Governor

ATTEST:

Olene S. Walker  
Lieutenant Governor

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