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O. C. Williams, State Land Commissioner  
State Land Department  
Capitol Annex  
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Williams:

This will acknowledge your request of April 15th for an opinion from this office interpreting a certain portion of Section 4 of the Ground Water Code. Your question is:

"Is Section 4 broad enough to permit us to cooperate financially with the United States Geological Survey in compiling geological data for use in determining critical areas?"

After a thorough study of the Section referred to of the Ground Water Code, it is our opinion that Section 4 is an enlargement of the powers of the State Land Commissioner rather than a limitation and is sufficiently broad to permit the Land Department to cooperate financially with the United States Geological Survey in compiling data for use in determining critical areas.

Yours very truly,

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