

Country responses to Pacific nuclear impacts**United States of America (31st January 2012)**

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The United States is not persuaded that this is an appropriate issue for SPREP to address, for several reasons. The issue directly touches only a small number of SPREP members, but the request is for a basin-wide study. The request falls largely outside of SPREP's budget and mandate, given that the primary concern here would be one of public health. SPREP has no technical expertise in public health nor does SPREP have any kind of health mandate or lead in the Pacific. It is also not clear what a new study would add to the corpus of studies of this issue in the region that have already been made.

It would be difficult to support the activity and associated expenditures of SPREP's time and member focus.

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