

# RADIOACTIVE METEOR LANDS IN LOGAN!

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A radioactive meteor has been retrieved from Logan Canyon by Utah State University research staff. The deep-space material released during analysis of the meteor poses a serious health risk to the residents of Cache Valley, particularly those who live on or near the USU campus.

The meteor was reported to have landed Wednesday evening around 10:55 pm. Due to the recent storms, heavy cloud cover allowed the meteor to travel through the atmosphere almost undetected. Milo Maughan, a local amateur astronomer, informed local officials after he saw the blaze of the meteor. “I was just setting up my telescope like I do every night and I had a feeling that I should look east towards the mountains. That’s when I saw it,” Maughan told reporters. “It was unlike anything I have ever seen. It was really eerie.”

When the physics professors returned to their labs Thursday morning, they were astounded by what they found. “The instrumentation we use to detect atmospheric phenomena was spiking off the charts,” said Jan Sojka, USU Physics Department Head and expert in space weather. “From an ionomagnetic perspective, it was actually quite disturbing.” As news of the meteor spread throughout the building, a team was assembled to recover the meteor. Undergraduate researcher Charles Sim volunteered to lead the potentially dangerous mission. “I feel that courage is what danger is made of. Have you ever seen ‘radioactive meteor’ as the cause of death in an obituary? I think that’s pretty cool.” The media have been unable to locate Sim for follow-up.

The meteor was found in Pine Glenn Cove, near what locals call the “haunted nunnery,” an area rumored to be patrolled by murdered spirits. Under much secrecy, the meteor was brought into USU’s Science Engineering Research building to be analyzed. Little has been announced about the scientists’ progress. David Peak, author of textbook *Chaos Under Control*, was overheard saying, “We have absolutely no clue what we’re dealing with.”



In an official statement released by the university, scientists confirmed the presence of radioactive material and advised everyone to remain indoors for Halloween because, “if you go trick-or-treating, you will be unable to distinguish between harmless toddlers and genetically-altered grad students.” Unofficial investigation has yielded disjointed information including “floating objects” and “toxic substances.”

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