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TIM PAWLENTY GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER 04-04 ASSIGNING EMERGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES TO STATE AGENCIES; RESCINDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 99-20

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WHEREAS, natural and technological disasters have and may occur in any part of the state; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

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- 2. Each department, independent division, bureau, board, commission and independent institution of the state government, hereinafter referred to as "agency," shall carry out the general emergency preparedness, planning, response, recovery, hazard mitigation

and continuity of operations responsibilities described in this Executive Order, the specific emergency assignments contained in the *Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan*, the *State All-Hazard Mitigation Plan* and such other duties as may be requested by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The head of each agency shall be accountable for the execution of the responsibilities described in this Executive Order.

I. Emergency Preparedness/Planning

- A. The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall have overall responsibility for coordinating the development and maintenance of the all-hazard *Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan*.
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Executive Order 99-20 is rescinded.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this

day of March, 2004.

TIM PAWLENTY
Governor

Filed According to Law:

MARY KUFMEYER

Secretary of State



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- f. safeguarding of vital records,
- g. protection of facilities, personnel and resources, and
- h. preparation for returning to normal operations.
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On an annual basis, each state agency shall notify the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management of the location of, and date of the most recent revision to, their continuity of operations plan.

II. Emergency Response

- A. All state agencies responding to a disaster/emergency shall use the Minnesota Incident Management System (MIMS). In the event of a disaster/emergency resulting in a multiple state agency response, a unified command structure shall be established. If, due to the nature of an incident, a single state agency has a larger/primary role in the response to that incident, that agency may be referred to as the "lead agency." The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall have the coordinating role in a multiple state agency response to a disaster/emergency. All state agencies shall support this coordinated multi-agency response and carry out their specific assignments, as described in the *Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan*.
- B. All state agencies shall be responsible for assigning necessary personnel to report to the state, regional and/or on-site emergency operations center(s) and information hotline, if such are activated, in accord with the *Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan*. The responding personnel shall be prepared to direct the activities of their agency's response personnel, and shall carry out the emergency responsibilities assigned to their agency in this Executive Order and elaborated upon in the *Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan*.

III. Recovery/Hazard Mitigation

- A. Each state agency that has a role in emergency management shall participate in the development of hazard mitigation strategies to reduce or eliminate the vulnerability of life and property to the effects of disasters.
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I. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Section	100	The Department of Administration shall coordinate planning and recovery of the statewide systems and provide emergency support.
Section	101	The Department of Administration shall provide architects, engineers and/or other technically qualified personnel, when requested, to participate in the preliminary damage assessment (PDA) of public buildings damaged by disaster.
Section	102	The Department of Administration shall administer the state self-insurance program as it relates to federal disaster assistance, as set forth under Public Law 93-288. This will be accomplished in conformance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency guidance, as it relates to insuring public buildings for eligibility for Public Assistance during a Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster.
Section	103	The Department of Administration shall provide administrative support to state government agencies during a disaster. This support will include, but is not limited to, assigning administrative staff and equipment, and maintenance to state and regional emergency operations centers (EOCs).
Section	104	The Department of Administration shall furnish computer services needed for operations and resource management in an emergency.
Section	105	The Department of Administration shall coordinate planning and delivery of statewide telecommunications systems and services for emergency operations during an emergency, and shall provide emergency telecommunications support.
Section	106	The Department of Administration shall be responsible for providing telephone operation support during exercises and emergencies in state and regional EOCs.
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Section	108	The Department of Administration shall provide travel support to state agencies.
Section	109	The Department of Administration shall provide state agencies

access to a recovery plan development software tool.

Section	110	The Local Planning Assistance Center shall, in conjunction with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, assist counties in developing hazard mitigation plans, as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
Section	111	The Land Management Information Center shall use its geographic information systems tools and geographic data to assist both planners and emergency responders.
Section	112	The State Demographer shall help identify the locations of nursing homes and licensed/unlicensed group quarters.

II. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Section	200	The Department of Agriculture shall provide guidance to state and local authorities for the protection of milk, food products, and crops affected by disaster.
Section	201	The Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for preparing plans and procedures for monitoring/sampling of agricultural land, milk, food products, and crops affected by disaster.
Section	202	The Department of Agriculture shall, when requested, make its laboratory capabilities available for the identification and analysis of potential biological and chemical agents.
Section	203	The Department of Agriculture shall provide qualified personnel to participate in a preliminary damage assessment (PDA) effort, following the occurrence of a disaster, when requested.
Section	204	The Department of Agriculture shall provide a representative, when requested, to serve on the Minnesota Recovers Disaster Task Force to evaluate projects proposed for funding.
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III. ATTORNEY GENERAL

Section	300	The Attorney General shall be responsible for providing legal advice and opinions in support of state emergency operations to include preparing and reviewing proclamations and special regulations issued by the governor.
Section	301	The Attorney General shall provide materials or representation at Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) and public meetings, as requested by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to provide consumer information to persons affected by a disaster.
Section	302	The Attorney General shall provide guidance on contracting requirements to state agencies, after a major disaster.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Section	400	The Department of Commerce shall provide materials or representation at Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) and public meetings, as requested by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to furnish information relative to insurance claim procedures to persons affected by a disaster.
Section	401	The Department of Commerce shall develop procedures and provide the necessary staff at the State Emergency Operations Center to support the state's responsibility in emergency banking and fiscal matters of any economic stabilization program established by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and/or the Federal Reserve System.
Section	402	The Department of Commerce shall coordinate with other state agencies in supporting the utility restoration by the gas and electric utilities.
Section	403	The Department of Commerce shall identify resources and assist vulnerable individuals and families, through the energy assistance program, during and after a disaster.
Section	404	The Department of Commerce shall identify resources and assist vulnerable individuals and families, through the weatherization program, during and after a disaster.
Section	405	The Department of Commerce shall assist state and local government with damage assessment of private or individual dwellings and businesses, which may include seeking cooperation of insurance underwriters' adjustment resources, as requested by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
Section	406	The Department of Commerce shall develop and make available consumer fact sheets about disaster assistance and insurance regulations.
Section	407	The Department of Commerce-Telecommunications Access Minnesota (DOC-TAM) shall, in coordination with the Department of Human Services-Deal and Hard of Hearing Services Division (DHS-DHHSD), provide Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD), TDD operators and American Sign Language Interpreters when the State Emergency Operations Center and Information Hotline are activated.

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V. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Section	500	The Department of Education shall coordinate with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management on the development and updating, as required, of emergency plan guidance to be provided to local schools. Such guidance shall be designed to assist schools in developing an emergency plan that provides for the protection of children in the event of a disaster/emergency. The department shall be responsible for the distribution of such planning guidance to local school districts.
Section	501	The Department of Education shall assist local school districts in preparing and submitting a request for financial assistance from the federal government when public school facilities are damaged or destroyed by a major disaster.
Section	502	The Department of Education shall provide technical assistance in finding appropriate alternate school facilities, which are inspected and approved by the State Fire Marshal, when local facilities are damaged or destroyed during a disaster.
Section	503	The Department of Education shall work with schools to develop school-specific, all-hazard emergency plans compatible with local, county, state and federal all-hazard plans. The plans and response procedures developed for schools should specifically address domestic violence within the buildings and the development of "safe areas" around schools.

VI. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

Section	600	The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board, with technical assistance from the Department of Transportation, shall develop a statewide emergency medical services radio communication plan.
Section	601	The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board shall, in coordination with other state agencies, determine medical assistance guidance for local authorities in areas affected by accidents/incidents involving hazardous materials and explosions.
Section	602	The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board shall coordinate resources for local ambulance providers including, when requested, arranging for transportation and medical services for patients requiring an ambulance, and for the evacuation of health/medical facilities.
Section	603	The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board shall assign personnel, as necessary, to State, Regional, and local Emergency Operations Centers, for the purpose of coordinating pre-hospital emergency medical services.
Section	604	The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board shall establish and maintain a list of the critical pre-hospital medical resources throughout the state and develop a system for rapid access to the data required to determine the availability of these resources.
Section	605	The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board shall, upon request, coordinate Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) support to state and local officials. At the onset of a major disaster, the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board shall coordinate CISD support teams to be deployed into the areas most affected.

VII. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

Section 700 The Department of Employee Relations shall support the Department of Economic Security in the management of personnel services at state and regional emergency operations centers during a disaster, and will assist in the development of emergency employment utilization procedures.

Section 701 The Department of Employee Relations shall interface with union officials and appropriate representatives to develop strategies for resolving conflicts between labor organizations and state agencies during times of disaster. The Department of Employee Relations shall be proactive relative to developing options to sustain state EOC staffing and the implications thereof on labor agreements, whenever the state EOC is activated.

Section 702 The Department of Employee Relations shall provide support to state agencies in the management of labor contracts during emergency operations, ensuring fair, uniform and consistent interpretation of contract language.

VIII. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Section 800 The Department of Employment and Economic Development shall develop procedures to provide unemployment assistance, and dislocated worker and job training programs, to eligible individuals whose unemployment results from a disaster declared under Public Law 93-288. It will also arrange for payment of benefits, under regular unemployment compensation laws, to eligible individuals in cases where a disaster has not been declared.

Section

The Department of Employment and Economic Development shall provide materials or representation at Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) and public meetings, as requested by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to furnish information relative to disaster unemployment, dislocated worker, job training, and applicable programs.

Section 802 The Commissioner of the Department of Employment and Economic Development shall, when requested by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, provide an estimate of the immediate economic impact of a disaster. Where possible and applicable, the department shall provide estimated projections of long range effects of a major disaster, using relevant data from a variety of sources including: residents, businesses, and local, state, and federal agencies, if needed.

IX. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Section	900	The Department of Finance shall develop expedited procedures, for fiscal management of the state, during a disaster.
Section	901	The Department of Finance shall work with the Department of Public Safety, Fiscal and Administrative Services, in establishing a funding source for the required state match costs associated with a presidential disaster declaration.
Section	902	The Department of Finance shall assist state agencies with financial deficiencies that may result from supporting local efforts during large-scale emergencies, when federal assistance is not provided.

X. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Section

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The Department of Health shall have primary responsibility for the technical aspects of a response to an incident involving public health issues related to a disaster or an emergency, including an actual or potential terrorist incident involving biological, chemical, or radiological agents. The Department shall develop and maintain procedures for: disease surveillance, control and prevention, including protocols for quarantine, isolation, mass vaccination, and mass care clinics, in the event of a public health emergency; protection of human health from biological, chemical, or radiological agents; safe food preparation and handling; provision of training and assistance in the security of public water supply systems, and the maintenance of a potable water supply; handling, identification and safe disposition of dead human bodies in the event of mass casualties; and health assessment and training programs for health care and support personnel.

Section

The Department of Health shall be responsible for developing fact sheets and providing guidance on protective action levels and medical assistance to state and local authorities in areas affected by accidents/incidents involving radioactive or other hazardous, biological, or chemical materials. The Department shall develop procedures to accomplish this and conduct in-service training to maintain this response capability.

Section

1002 The Department of Health shall, as needed, provide assistance to local officials, in conjunction with the local health agency, to ensure the safety of food and water for human consumption during, and immediately following, a disaster or emergency.

Section

The Department of Health shall provide personnel, as needed, to assist in the preliminary damage assessment (PDA) process for health and public water facilities damaged by a disaster or emergency. The Department will assist communities, as requested, in determining the cost to repair or replace damaged health facilities and public water distribution systems, so federal financial assistance can be requested under Public Law 93-288.

Section

1004 The Department of Health laboratory shall be responsible for providing 24-hour analysis capability in the event of an emergency involving radioactive materials. The Department shall develop procedures to accomplish this and conduct in-service training to maintain this response capability.

Section

1005 The Department of Health shall make its laboratory capabilities

available for the analysis and identification of potential biological or chemical agents on a 24-hour basis, in the event of acts of terrorism, natural disasters, emerging health threats, and accidental or deliberate environmental contamination.

Section 1006 The Department of Health shall, as needed, conduct food inspections at mass feeding facilities.

Section 1007 The Governor may call upon the Department of Health, Disaster Mortuary Emergency Response Team (D-MERT), to provide mortuary or death-related services for major disasters or emergencies occurring in Minnesota.

XI. MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

Section	1100	The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency shall administer home improvement grants, and/or loans, available through its programs to homeowners of low and moderate incomes, who have sustained disaster-related damage to their principal residence.
Section	1101	The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency shall immediately, upon notification of a disaster or emergency, inventory the availability of rental property suitable for temporary or long-term housing for disaster/emergency victims.
Section	1102	The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, in cooperation with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, shall assist with the planning and implementation of victim housing, in conjunction with the Individuals and Households Program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

XII. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Section	1200	The Department of Human Services shall coordinate mass care services.
Section	1201	The Department of Human Services shall provide representation at the State Emergency Operations Center, Disaster Recovery Centers, and the disaster area itself to identify disaster victims, as deemed necessary by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
Section	1202	The Department of Human Services shall assist with immediate mental health services, apply for and administer special mental health program grants for disaster victims, and provide crisis- counseling training for mental health providers in the disaster area.
Section	1203	The Department of Human Services shall coordinate the Disaster Food Stamp Program for disaster victims.
Section	1204	The Department of Human Services, through the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), shall provide USDA donated food to disaster relief agencies and emergency feeding programs, and assist with its distribution and storage.
Section	1205	The Department of Human Services shall coordinate, with county social service agencies, to meet the childcare needs of disaster victims.
Section	1206	The Department of Human Services shall coordinate with county social service agencies to meet the needs of disaster victims (food, shelter, clothing, and medical care), through state and federal income maintenance programs.
Section	1207	The Department of Human Services shall coordinate the delivery of emergency human services with local government, voluntary agencies, and other human service agencies, following a disaster, through state and/or regional emergency operations centers.
Section	1208	The Department of Human Services shall provide personnel to assist the state in delivering individual assistance, following a presidential disaster declaration, as requested by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
Section	1209	The Department of Human Services shall provide assistance in long-term disaster recovery, using existing programs, streamlining,

or waiving regulatory functions where possible, and providing technical assistance and/or administrative support to stricken communities.

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- The Department of Human Services shall assist with the provision of Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) and operators, when the State Emergency Operations Center and Information Hotline are activated.

XIII. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Section	1300	The Department of Labor and Industry, Occupational Safety and Health Division shall respond to a catastrophe when employee fatalities/serious injuries are involved. They shall investigate to determine the cause, so that similar hazards to workers are prevented, or minimized, in the future.
Section	1301	The Department of Labor and Industry, Occupational Safety and Health Division shall provide support, as requested, in the detection of air contaminants caused by chemical or biological agents and in the implementation of appropriate procedures.
Section	1302	The Department of Labor and Industry, Occupational Safety and Health Division shall assist in assessing hazards and personal protective equipment needs, as requested.

XIV. DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

Section

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The Department of Military Affairs (Minnesota National Guard) shall prepare, and maintain, plans and procedures, to support civil authorities, when an emergency exceeds local resources. Commander-In-Chief of the National Guard, the Governor can direct the National Guard to take whatever action necessary to cope with the emergency. Upon the order of the Governor, the Adjutant General shall order to state active duty, such personnel, equipment, and facilities of the military forces of the state, as required, and for such a period of time as necessary, to assist and support civil authorities. National Guard assistance may be made available when a natural disaster, civil disturbance, hazardous materials incident, or other emergency beyond the capability of local government, occurs. Both local government and state agencies forward requests for National Guard assistance to the Minnesota Duty Officer (MDO), at the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The National Guard shall maintain 24-hour liaison with the MDO. County sheriffs, and mayors of cities of the first class, are authorized to request National Guard assistance.

Section

The Department of Military Affairs (Minnesota National Guard) 1401 shall prepare and maintain plans and procedures for responding to and supporting state and local authorities in their response to weapons of mass destruction including, but not limited to, biological, nuclear, incendiary, chemical and explosive devices, and compounds or materials. In the event of terrorist-type activity, the Department of Military Affairs shall provide support to the State Emergency Operations Center and the local incident command post. The Department of Military Affairs shall make the 55th Weapons of Mass Destruction – Civil Support Team (CST) available to support a local response to terrorist activity, as requested by the State. In response to a terrorist event, the Minnesota National Guard shall, at the state's request, deploy the 55th CST and technically qualified personnel to the affected jurisdictions to assess the extent of the situation, advise the civilian incident commander and facilitate requests for state and federal assistance, and provide policy and technical-level support in the State Emergency Operations Center Planning and Assessment Center and Operations Section.

XV. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Section	1500	The Department of Natural Resources shall be responsible for preparing plans and procedures for chemical, biological and radiological monitoring/sampling of plants, animals and water in cooperation with the Departments of Health and Agriculture.
Section	1501	The Department of Natural Resources shall be responsible for providing technical assistance, personnel and equipment for debris and wreckage removal from state waterways and state-owned lands, subject to the availability of funds.
Section	1502	The Department of Natural Resources shall assist in tracking plumes on waterways and monitoring shorelines, identifying wildlife populations within the ingestion pathway/vulnerable zone and providing personnel to conduct ingestion pathway sampling of fish and wildlife.
Section	1503	The Department of Natural Resources shall provide aircraft to assist in damage assessment efforts, serve as state inspectors on federal/state damage survey teams, assist the Department of Administration in the inspection of damaged public buildings and facilities, and assist the Department of Transportation in the inspection of damaged road systems.
Section	1504	The Department of Natural Resources shall provide technically qualified personnel to participate in a preliminary damage assessment (PDA) effort, following the occurrence of a disaster, when requested.
Section	1505	The Department of Natural Resources shall provide personnel to serve on an Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team/Hazard Mitigation Survey Team, following a presidential declaration of disaster, when requested, and provide hazard mitigation information to the general public.
Section	1506	The Department of Natural Resources shall, in the case of wildfires, work with the Department of Public Safety to fulfill public information functions and requirements, work within the Minnesota Incident Command System partnership to design communication plans, and coordinate communications with all participating agencies.
Section	1507	The Department of Natural Resources shall keep Sheriffs apprised of evacuation forecasts.

- Section 1508 The Department of Natural Resources shall provide assistance in locating alternate water supplies, and provide equipment and/or assistance in the restoration of critical public works, if requested.
- Section 1509 The Department of Natural Resources shall pre-plan for sensitive area designation, and provide for wildlife and waterfowl rehabilitation, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Section 1510 The Department of Natural Resources shall provide pathology laboratory services, with regard to the collection of dead and injured animals and their analysis; coordinate the chemical analysis of fish and wildlife samples with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Chemistry Laboratory; and assist the Department of Health, as needed, in assessing the long-term environmental impact of a radiological accident/incident.

Enforcement Division

- Section 1520 The Enforcement Division and other DNR divisions shall provide personnel and equipment support to the State Patrol in emergency law enforcement, evacuation or sheltering in-place, traffic control and public alerting operations, when requested by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
- Section 1521 The Enforcement Division shall prepare procedures for providing communications support in a disaster area.
- Section 1522 The Enforcement Division shall prepare plans and provide support to local government agencies during floods, storms and other disasters/emergencies. The Division shall assist local law enforcement with search and rescue, shall provide special equipment such as boats, ATVs, snowmobiles, etc., and provide any other needs identified, when requested by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Forestry Division

Section 1530 The Forestry Division shall provide personnel and equipment support to the State Fire Marshal in emergency operations, when requested by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Section 1531 The Forestry Division shall prevent and extinguish wildland fires, coordinate fire suppression planning and direct fire suppression activities work, through agreements with the Minnesota Incident Command System partnership. Section 1532 The Forestry Division shall be responsible for coordinating fire suppression activities in forested and grassland areas of the state. Section 1533 The Forestry Division shall assist state and local governments in applying for grants from the federal government for the purpose of reimbursing expenses actually incurred by a property owner in the removal of timber damaged by a disaster. Section 1534 The Forestry Division shall assist local government in training for fire and rescue operations in full coordination with the State Fire Marshal Division and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. 1535 Section The Forestry Division shall assist state and local governments with tree disposal recommendations, following a major wind event. Section The Forestry Division shall coordinate with the Department of 1536 Public Safety, State Patrol Division, and the Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division, for air operations and air transportation services, during disaster. Waters Division 1540 The Waters Division shall be responsible for coordinating the Section Flood Plain Management Program and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in Minnesota, including enrollment of communities in the NFIP, publicity regarding flood insurance availability and coordination of insurance agent workshops. Section 1541 The Waters Division shall assign staff to a (post-disaster declaration) FEMA Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team and to the Minnesota Recovers Disaster Task Force, as requested. These staff shall help implement provisions of the State All-Hazard Mitigation Plan and update the Plan, as necessary. Section 1542 The Waters Division shall assist local units of government in applying for grants, through the Department of Natural Resources, Flood Damage Reduction Grant Program. Section 1543 The Waters Division shall assign the state climatologist and other

needed staff to prepare climatological and hydrologic reports, as well as other related hydrologic data, in support of emergency operations.

Section

1544 The Waters Division shall provide information or personnel at Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) to disseminate information to, and solicit information from, flood victims.

XVI. MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

Section	1600	The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency shall, upon instructions from the office of the Governor or the Governor's Authorized Representative, waive, modify or suspend selected enforcement rules of the agency for areas stricken by disaster, when statute provides for such waivers. This action will relieve or expedite recovery operations and avert an even greater disaster from occurring, while ensuring continued protection of the public.
Section	1601	The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency shall provide technically qualified personnel to participate in a preliminary damage assessment (PDA) effort, following the occurrence of a disaster, when requested.
Section	1602	The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency shall provide personnel to serve on an Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team/Hazard Mitigation Survey Team, following a presidential declaration of disaster, when requested.
Section	1603	The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency shall provide a representative to serve on the Minnesota Recovers Disaster Task Force to evaluate projects proposed for funding, when requested.
Section	1604	The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency shall review the environmental effects of an emergency diking project and recommend approval or disapproval before work begins.
Section	1605	The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency shall provide technical and policy-level staff to the State Emergency Operations Center, specifically to the Planning and Assessment Center and the Operations Section, when requested by the Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
Section	1606	The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency shall develop and provide guidelines and procedures, assisting local authorities to manage and dispose of debris after a disaster/emergency.

XVII. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

Section	1700	The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall make its field agents
		available, when possible, to assist other state agencies with search
		and rescue, evacuation and traffic control, and law enforcement,
		during a disaster.

Section 1701 The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall lend forensics capabilities to the analysis and identification of evidence related to a potential weapons of mass destruction event.

Capitol Complex Security Division

Section	1710	The Capitol Complex Security Division shall be responsible for
		providing protection to property and equipment on the Capitol
		complex, during an emergency.

Section 1711 The Capitol Complex Security Division shall provide 24-hour security for the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and the Joint Public Information Center (JPIC) during an emergency, when located on the Capitol complex.

Section 1712 The Capitol Complex Security Division shall provide backup radio operators for duty officers operating the radio console in the SEOC, if possible.

Office of Communications

Section 1720 The Office of Communications shall provide emergency public information support, following the occurrence of a disaster, including disaster exercises, in coordination with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Governor's Office.

State Fire Marshal/Office of Pipeline Safety

Section 1730 The State Fire Marshal Division shall assist local jurisdictions, in coordination with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in obtaining, through implementation of the Minnesota Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan (FIREMAP), fire

fighting and rescue response assistance (except for missing or lost person search and rescue), during an emergency, and providing technical expertise and general assistance with the coordination of local fire and rescue emergency response operations.

Section

1731 The State Fire Marshal Division shall, when requested by local authorities or deemed necessary by the State Fire Marshal (in accordance with MS 299F.04), investigate fires and explosions to determine their origin and cause. Whenever the cause is determined to be other than accidental, the Division shall assist local authorities with the collection and analysis of evidence, and the preparation of criminal cases for prosecution.

Section

1732 The State Fire Marshal Division shall, upon the request of a local jurisdiction, provide technical expertise necessary to examine major structure fires (large dollar loss or multiple fire deaths) to identify the effectiveness of fire protection systems and prevention programs in place prior to the fire. The results of such examinations shall be used in efforts to prevent similar future losses.

Section

1733 The State Fire Marshal Division personnel shall be assigned to conduct fire and life safety inspections of jurisdictional facilities damaged or otherwise impacted during a disaster or major emergency, when requested by local authorities, or deemed necessary by the State Fire Marshal.

Section

1734 The State Fire Marshal Division, Office of Pipeline Safety, shall act as a liaison with pipeline companies and other utilities, local units of government and federal pipeline authorities, and provide post-incident enforcement, investigation and damage prevention education.

Section

1735 The State Fire Marshal Division, Office of Pipeline Safety, shall act as the contact with U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Special Programs Administration, Office of Pipeline Safety for security-related pipeline issues, distribute alerts received, and participate in pipeline security inspections, as required under federal regulations 49 CFR, as adopted by the state.

Fiscal and Administrative Services

Section

1740 Fiscal and Administrative Services shall, within five working days, process payments received from the Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, for

disaster victims, if the Division is processing Other Needs Assistance for the Individuals and Households Program.

<u>Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management</u>

Section The Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) shall serve as the state coordinating officer (SCO) and the Governor's authorized representative (GAR) for all presidentially declared disasters and emergencies. Section 1751 The Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall carry out nuclear generating plant emergency operations planning and assess the need for protective actions required to mitigate the effects of an incident at a nuclear generating plant. Section 1752 The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall chair and facilitate the activities of the Minnesota Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee. Section 1753 The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall monitor the operations of the state portion of the National Warning System (NAWAS) and coordinate any actions necessary to maintain service or extend coverage. Section 1754 The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall maintain the 24-hour Minnesota Duty Officer system to ensure the proper receipt and dissemination of disaster/emergency notifications and requests for emergency resources to appropriate state and local government agencies. Section 1755 The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall activate the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) when any major man-made or natural disaster threatens or occurs. When warranted, Division staff shall establish an emergency operations center (EOC) or field office in or adjacent to the disaster to coordinate field operations. When an EOC or field office is opened, the Division shall notify state agencies, so that they may provide staff to carry out their emergency responsibilities. Section The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management 1756 shall keep the Commissioner of Public Safety, Governor,

all actual or impending emergency operations.

Executive Council, and the Legislature, as appropriate, informed of

Section

1757 The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall provide guidance and information sufficient to allow local government to request assistance under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 9.061 (the "Calamity Act"), and Chapter 273.123 (reassessment of Homestead Property Damaged in a Disaster). The Division shall also present such request for assistance to the state Executive Council, when appropriate.

Section

1758 The Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall designate an HSEM staff member to serve as the State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO). The SHMO shall be responsible for ensuring that the hazard mitigation requirements contained in Public Law 93-288, including implementation of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, are carried out.

Section

1759 The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall facilitate long-term disaster recovery/hazard mitigation efforts by: coordinating maintenance of the *State All-Hazard Mitigation Plan* and activating the Minnesota Recovers Disaster Task Force, when appropriate.

Section

1760 The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall administer the Public Assistance, Individuals and Households and Hazard Mitigation Grant programs provided under Public Law 93-288.

Section

The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall assist local communities in the completion of all prerequisite actions needed to construct flood protection works. The Division shall also help to obtain the concurrence of the Departments of Natural Resources and Transportation, and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in any project, before requesting construction assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Section

The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall obtain initial damage assessment information from state and local governments. If it appears that the extent of the damage is beyond state and local capabilities, the Federal Emergency Management Agency will be requested to conduct a Preliminary Damage Assessment to determine whether a request from the Governor for a presidential disaster declaration is warranted.

Section

1763 The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall request all appropriate state agencies to provide materials or representatives to the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) that are

established, following a presidential declaration of disaster.

Section

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The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall have overall responsibility for supporting both local government emergency operations planning and all-hazard mitigation planning. This responsibility includes the development and maintenance of prototype emergency operations plans, mitigation plans and supporting documents, as well as planning requirements guidance.

Section

1765 The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management regional program coordinators shall review all county emergency operations plans to determine if they are in compliance with state and federal requirements and, when necessary, provide guidance for bringing them into compliance.

Section

1766 The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall coordinate the development and conduct of emergency preparedness drills and exercises, involving multiple Minnesota state agencies.

Section

1767 The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall be responsible for the administrative tasks associated with the State Hazardous Materials Regional Response Teams. HSEM is responsible for the overall coordination and implementation of this program.

Section

The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall serve as the initial state point of contact for shipments of high-level radioactive waste material being transported within or through the state of Minnesota. The Division shall make the notifications, and coordinate the state agency preparations and multiple state agency response activities associated with such shipments.

Section

The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall maintain contact with, and coordinate the state's contracts related to response by, designated bomb squads, hazardous materials emergency response teams and hazardous materials chemical response teams. The Division shall develop a comprehensive plan, addressing how the state shall support local government response to an act of domestic or international terrorism involving chemical, biological, nuclear, incendiary, or explosive devices or products.

Section

1770 The Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency

Management shall serve as the state Senate point of contact for coordinating planning, preparedness, response and recovery, as they relate to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction.

- Section
- 1771 The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall coordinate flights in search and rescue missions with the Civil Air Patrol.
- Section
- 1772 The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall coordinate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to facilitate the use of FEMA travel trailers and/or mobile homes as temporary housing for disaster victims, following a presidential declaration of disaster.
- Section
- 1773 The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall coordinate the deployment of Bomb Squads, Hazardous Materials Chemical Assessment Teams and Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams, during a disaster or major emergency. Deployment may occur at the request of local authorities or when otherwise deemed necessary by the nature and scope of the incident.
- Section
- 1774 The Emergency Response Commission staff shall provide state and local emergency response personnel with hazardous chemical storage information provided to the Commission by facilities subject to Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA Title III).
- Section
- 1775 The Emergency Response Commission staff shall provide technical guidance and assistance to political subdivisions in meeting requirements of SARA Title III.
- Section
- 1776 The Emergency Response Commission, through the Regional Review Committees of the Commission, shall review the SARA Title III elements contained in local government emergency operations plans.

State Patrol Division

- Section
- 1780 The State Patrol Division shall be responsible for law enforcement and traffic control on all interstate and state trunk highways in an emergency.
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- 1781 The State Patrol Division shall use available resources to assist local police agencies with law enforcement and traffic control, when requested by proper local authority to do so.

Section 1782 The State Patrol Division shall act as net control for the National Warning System (NAWAS) within the state for the dissemination of national and local emergency information and warnings. Section The State Patrol Division shall be responsible for providing 1783 assistance that may be required by the Capitol Complex Security Division to protect the personnel in the Capitol Complex during an emergency, and shall prepare plans and procedures to accomplish this. Section 1784 The Chief of the State Patrol Division shall be in charge of the law enforcement function and shall coordinate its emergency operations in the state, including the assignment of personnel as law enforcement representatives at the state and regional emergency operations centers. Section The State Patrol radio frequencies shall serve as the redundant 1785 direction and control net. The State Patrol is responsible for providing personnel to operate the radio console in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), during exercises, drills and emergencies, if needed. Section 1786 The State Patrol Division shall provide backup radio operators to serve as duty officers to operate the radio console in the SEOC, as needed. Section 1787 The State Patrol Division, Air Section, shall provide immediately, at the time of a disaster or large-scale emergency, aerial photography and assessment of the disaster or emergency area. State Patrol helicopters with cameras shall be utilized to do aerial filming of the area and shall provide that information directly to the State Emergency Operations Center. Section 1788 The State Patrol Division, Air Section, shall request the restriction of flights and access over disaster and emergency areas, when requested by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management or local authorities. Section 1789 The State Patrol Division, Air Section, shall provide personnel to participate in a preliminary damage assessment (PDA) effort and prepare damage survey reports (DSRs) for airports and airport facilities damaged in any type of major disaster in conjunction with

Department of Natural Resources, when requested.

the Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division, and the

- Section 1790 The State Patrol Division, Air Section, shall provide transportation and/or reconnaissance, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division, as requested by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, during a declared disaster situation.
- Section 1791 The State Patrol Division, Air Section, shall have a plan for the utilization of agency aircraft available for emergency operations, including records of agency aircraft, pilots, and available airports.
- Section 1792 The State Patrol Division, Air Section, shall coordinate with the Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division, and the Department of Natural Resources for the provision and use of air transportation resources within state government, during a disaster.

Warehouse

Section 1795 The Public Safety Warehouse shall assist with the relocation of furniture, equipment, and supplies from the State Emergency Operations Center to an alternate site, when feasible.

XVII. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Section	1800	The Department of Revenue shall provide materials or representatives at Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) to provide guidance to clients on how their tax burden shall be affected by their disaster losses), when requested by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
Section	1801	The Department of Revenue shall assist local governments and help citizens determine value of losses sustained as a result of a major disaster.
Section	1802	The Department of Revenue shall assist local government in conducting a damage assessment of private homes and businesses, as needed.
Section	1803	The Department of Revenue shall assist the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Department of Commerce in the implementation of an energy plan which provides for the allocation and conservation of energy resources and provides staff for the state and regional emergency operations centers.
Section	1804	The Department of Revenue shall assign personnel to assist with the compliance activities associated with the economic stabilization function.

XIX. MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Section

1900 The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities shall assist local government by providing training in fire, rescue and hazardous materials emergency operations, through the technical colleges located statewide.

XX. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Section	2000	The Department of Transportation shall provide personnel to serve on an Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team/Hazard Mitigation Survey Team, following a presidential declaration of a major disaster, when requested.
Section	2001	The Department of Transportation shall be responsible for debris and wreckage removal from all interstate and state trunk highways, and for assistance to political subdivisions on other roadways, as requested and as resources permit.
Section	2002	The Department of Transportation shall approve emergency construction projects on the interstate and trunk highway system before work begins.
Section	2003	The Department of Transportation shall provide technically qualified personnel to participate in preliminary damage assessment (PDA) efforts for all interstate and state trunk highways, general aviation facilities, and for other political subdivisions' roadways, when requested and with available resources. The Department shall also provide personnel for the preparation of project worksheets for general aviation facilities and other political subdivisions' roadways, as requested.
Section	2004	The Department of Transportation shall assist in radiological emergency response and protection efforts such as evacuation, traffic control, and supporting radiological monitoring and decontamination of state highways and vital facilities performed by others, in coordination with the Department of Health and Department of Public Safety.
Section	2005	The Department of Transportation shall prepare emergency highway traffic plans and procedures for the regulation of highway travel, during periods of emergency, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement.
Section	2006	The Department of Transportation shall process Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) requests, through the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA), as requested by HSEM or other appropriate authority.
Section	2007	The Department of Transportation shall coordinate air transportation and reconnaissance with the FAA, Metropolitan Airports Commission, Department of Military Affairs, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Public Safety and general aviation, as requested by HSEM. The Department shall support

this effort through utilization of its aircraft for emergency operations, when feasible.

Section

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The Department of Transportation shall maintain current records of general aviation airport facilities and aircraft registered in the state. The Department shall also act as liaison with FAA for access to the FAA listing of licensed pilots.

Section

2009 The Department of Transportation shall provide emergency engineering services in disaster operations and shall assign personnel to state and regional emergency operations centers.

Section

2010 The Department of Transportation shall coordinate emergency relief efforts with the motor carrier industry to enlist their assistance in emergency response efforts.

Section

2011 The Department of Transportation shall develop procedures for receiving and disseminating information to appropriate agencies, concerning the shipment of chemicals, radiological substances, and other materials that are potentially hazardous.

Section

2012 The Department of Transportation shall assist in preparing emergency executive orders granting relief from the motor carrier safety regulations, including overweight and over-dimension permits, upon instruction from the Governor's Authorized Representative. The Department shall also coordinate state emergency declarations with the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, to ensure consistent application of the emergency relief to interstate carriers providing direct assistance to the emergency.

Section

The Department of Transportation shall coordinate with all rail, bus and waterway transportation providers, and the federal agencies with jurisdiction over these modes, as requested by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Section

2014 The Department of Transportation shall make the Maintenance Construction Communications network available for use as the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's command net, should the direction and control net fail or become overloaded.

Section

2015 The Department of Transportation shall provide technical radio communications assistance to the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and incident commanders, as requested.

Section The Department of Transportation shall provide technical 2016 assistance in developing radio capabilities for statewide emergency preparedness, when multiple state agencies or multiple levels of government need to carry out a coordinated response Section The Department of Transportation shall provide radio frequency 2017 management, spectrum as delegated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Section The Department of Transportation shall provide for the 2018 maintenance of state radio communications systems essential to operations, during an emergency or disaster.