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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25

Providing for the establishment of an Environmental Quality Council.

STATE OF MIN Secret

I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, it is a necessity in state government to provide continuous, comprehensive evaluation of the quality of the environment; and,

WHEREAS, because of the multitude of institutions, public and private, that variously affect the quality of our air, water, and land resources, no single state department or agency exerts a profound influence in environmental planning; and,

WHEREAS, it is mandatory to establish an interdepartmental advisory structure to consider the policy and planning of the State of Minnesota on environmental matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. the formation of the Environmental Quality Council composed of the Governor or his representative, the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Natural Resources, the Director of the Pollution Control Agency and the Director of the State Planning Agency. The Director of the State Planning Agency will serve as Chairman of the Environmental Quality Council. The Council will meet at least once a month and operate pursuant to procedures and policy statements adopted by the Council and distributed to all state agencies.

the formation of a Citizens Advisory Committee to the Environmental Quality Council to represent citizen and interest groups statewide in the deliberations of the Council. Members of the Committee will be appointed by the Governor at his discretion for terms ending June 30, 1973. The Council is authorized to establish, where prudent, task forces to investigate matters under consideration by the Council.

- 3. the adoption of a Statement of Purpose by the Council at its initial meeting. This Statement shall be submitted to the Governor for his approval and shall be made part of this Executive Order.
- 4. the cooperation of all state departments and agencies with the operations of the Environmental Quality Council.
- 5. the four members of the Council to share the administrative costs incurred by the Council inasmuch as the purposes of the Council are part of purposes of the four member departments.

This Order shall be effective on the date of signature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this fifth day of April, 1972.

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Wendell R. Anderson

Filed according to Law:

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