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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 70

Assigning emergency responsibilities for fuel allocation and establishing a Minnesota Emergency Energy Committee

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Arden J. Erdahl
Secretary of State

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, this nation now faces serious and widespread shortages of energy; and,

WHEREAS, there is a potentially severe shortage of heating fuels in Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, such shortages could have a most serious effect upon the health, welfare and economy of the citizens of the State; and,

WHEREAS, it is a basic right and obligation of this state to develop and conserve its energy sources to provide for the common welfare and the health of its people; and,

WHEREAS, the federal government has established a mandatory middle distillate fuel allocation program, (Title 32A, CFR, Chapter XIII) authorizing each state to designate an office within the executive branch to handle requests for assistance and to designate a state official who may recommend a reallocation of quantities of middle distillate fuels to alleviate hardships. The federal government shall designate a federal official in each state to consider such recommendations and issue orders he considers necessary to carry out the objectives of the program; and,

WHEREAS, it is important, in developing energy policies and in administering mandatory allocations, to obtain citizen participation in those decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I order that, in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1971, as amended in Chapter 12, Section 12.21,:

1. The Division of Civil Defense, Department of Public Safety, shall be the responsible state office under the terms of the Federal mandatory fuel allocation program and shall have the responsibility for the preparation and execution of a Minnesota Emergency Plan for allocation of fuel within the guidelines of those regulations.

2. The Director of the Division of Civil Defense shall be the designated state official who will receive requests for reallocation and shall recommend to the Office of Oil and Gas, U. S. Department of Interior, reallocations from the state reserve.

3. There shall be established a Minnesota Emergency Energy Committee, to consist of not more than 25 members, to be appointed by the Governor and to serve at his pleasure. This Committee shall be representative of citizen groups and the energy industry. The responsibilities of the Minnesota Emergency Energy Committee will be to advise the Governor on executive actions necessary to respond to current or potential energy shortages.

All State Departments and Agencies shall cooperate with the Division of Civil Defense in the exercise of its powers and duties provided by this Executive Order and shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the State Director.

This order shall be effective November 13, 1973.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this thirteenth day of November, 1973.



Wendell R. Anderson

Filed according to Law:



Arlen I. Erdahl
Secretary of State