



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 85-18**

**DIRECTING STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES  
TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF  
MINERAL EXPLORATION AND MINING TO MINNESOTA**

I, RUDY PERPICH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

Whereas, Minnesota ranks first among all states in the value of iron ore produced and ranks in the top four states in total nonfuel mineral production; and

Whereas, the iron ore and taconite industry has been an important industry to Minnesota throughout this century; and

Whereas, there is tremendous potential for other mineral industries in Minnesota, especially base and precious metal and precious minerals mining; and

Whereas, Minnesota has developed a large and comprehensive body of laws relating to the development of minerals in the state; and

Whereas, the laws of Minnesota encourage the development of mining, with due consideration and concern about the effects of mining on the environment; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has restated in similar terms in the National Materials and Minerals Policy, Research and Development Act of 1980, that the ongoing mineral policy of the United States is to "promote an adequate and stable supply of materials necessary to maintain national security, economic well-being and industrial production with appropriate attention to a long-term balance between resource production, energy use, a healthy environment, natural resources conservation and social needs;" and

Whereas, it is desirable at this point in Minnesota's history to reaffirm the importance of past, present and future mining to the State and the significance of the body of law which authorizes and guides mineral development in the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:


The responsible Departments and Agencies of the State of Minnesota are directed to recognize the importance of mining to Minnesota, the tremendous potential for future mineral development, and the impact of their programs on mineral exploration and mining; and further, these responsible Departments and Agencies are directed to encourage the development of mineral exploration and mining in this state, with due concern for the effects of mining on the environment.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.035, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have set my hand this 16th day of  
December, 1985.

  
RUDY PERPICH  
Governor

Filed According to Law:

  
JOAN ANDERSON GROWE  
Secretary of State

