

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 91-17  
PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
POLLUTION PREVENTION BY STATE GOVERNMENT**

I, ARNE H. CARLSON, 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 state agencies release pollution into the environment through their operations, regulate activities in the state that release pollution, and purchase items and set specifications that may lead to the release of pollution; and

WHEREAS, pollution prevention reduces pollution at its source rather than treating or controlling pollution after it has been created; and

WHEREAS, pollution prevention often results in cost savings and increased efficiencies as well as enhanced environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Toxic Pollution Prevention Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 115D, specifies that it is the policy of the state to encourage pollution prevention; and

WHEREAS, there is considerable potential for pollution prevention in state government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order state departments and agencies to take additional steps to prevent pollution:

1. All departments and agencies of the State of Minnesota shall give priority to preventing pollution at its source of generation.
  
2. An Interagency Pollution Prevention Advisory Team shall be established to:
  - (a) promote regular communication and cooperation between state agencies in preventing pollution;
  - (b) provide guidelines for state agencies in meeting the requirements of (4) through (6) below;
  - (c) review state agency progress reports;
  - (d) serve as a clearinghouse of information on progress made by state agencies in preventing pollution;
  - (e) encourage the implementation of pilot projects in which state government can serve as a model;
  - (f) promote efficiency in governmental efforts by reducing overlap of activities and by encouraging the sharing of innovative ideas; and
  - (g) make recommendations for enhancing pollution prevention in state government.
  
3. The Interagency Pollution Prevention Advisory Team shall be chaired by a representative of the Office of Waste Management. All state agencies shall cooperate with the team in the execution of this order. The team shall include but

not be limited to representatives of the departments of Administration, Agriculture, Corrections, Health, Human Services, Military Affairs, Natural Resources, Public Safety, Public Service, Transportation, Pollution Control Agency, Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning, Community College System, State University System, Technical College System, University of Minnesota, Metropolitan Airports Commission, Metropolitan Council, Metropolitan Mosquito Control Commission, Metropolitan Transit Commission, and Metropolitan Waste Control Commission. The team shall meet regularly.

4. Heads of state agencies that generate significant quantities of hazardous waste or use significant quantities of toxic chemicals shall develop policy statements indicating that pollution prevention is a priority. These agencies shall also undertake activities to reduce their generation of hazardous waste and use of toxic chemicals.
5. Heads of state agencies that regulate activities in the state which generate significant quantities of hazardous waste or use significant quantities of toxic chemicals, or whose policies have important effects upon such activities, shall develop policy statements indicating that pollution prevention is a priority. These agencies shall also undertake efforts to integrate pollution prevention into their regulatory and policy activities.
6. State agencies, subject to (4) and (5) above, shall prepare summary reports annually on their progress in preventing pollution with the first reports to be completed by July 1, 1992. At a minimum, these reports shall include a description of steps taken to integrate pollution prevention into agency activities, a summary of plans for future activities to prevent pollution, and an estimate of environmental and economic benefits, when applicable, which have resulted from preventing pollution.
7. State agencies whose purchasing policies or specifications result in the generation of significant quantities of hazardous waste or the use of significant quantities of toxic chemicals shall, in cooperation with the Department of Administration, investigate

opportunities to encourage pollution prevention through their purchasing policies and specifications.


8. Information on progress of state agencies in preventing pollution shall be included in the Pollution Prevention Evaluation Report to the Legislature required by Section 115D.10 of the Minnesota Toxic Pollution Prevention Act.
9. State agencies are encouraged to apply for the annual Governor's Award for Excellence in Pollution Prevention, as authorized by Section 115D.06 of the Minnesota Toxic Pollution Prevention Act. A special award category for excellence in pollution prevention shall be established for state agencies.
10. The Office of Waste Management shall provide technical assistance to state agencies in the implementation of this order.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1990, Section 4.035, subd. 2, 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 1990, Section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this sixteenth day of September, 1991.

  
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ARNE H. CARLSON  
Governor

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