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EXECUTIVE ORDER 91-18 CREATING A GOVERNOR'S POLICY FOR INTERSTATE COOPERATION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT

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, interstate cooperation on waste management is essential to protecting the environment of Minnesota and the entire country; and

WHEREAS, the policies and procedures for waste management in neighboring states may affect Minnesota and vice-versa; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous for the State to receive early notification and the opportunity to comment on neighboring states' decisions regarding waste management that may affect Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, it is also incumbent upon the State of Minnesota to provide neighboring states who may be affected by our decisions regarding waste management with the opportunity to provide us with their comments on impending state decisions; and WHEREAS, the sharing of information will serve to protect the environment of Minnesota and the entire country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that agencies in the state that are responsible for waste management shall cooperate with the Western Governors' Association, its member states, and other states on interstate waste management issues. Minnesota's cooperation shall be achieved by the following actions:

- Dottie Rietow is named as Minnesota's contact for the Western Governors' Association's Waste Impact Network. Ms. Rietow's name will be forwarded to the Western Governors' Association along with a copy of this Executive Order.
- 2. The attached Regional Waste Protocol, which has been signed by my hand, will be distributed to staff of the state's agencies handling waste management issues.
- 3. State agencies and personnel will regularly review pending state decisions regarding waste management for their potential affect on other states as outlined in Principle 2 of the Regional Waste Protocol. When potential affects on other states are identified, agency staff will notify the state's contact named above. It is then the contact's responsibility to inform the Western Governors' Association of the potential affect.
- 4. Minnesota's contact person must ensure that all relevant state agencies are notified when she is informed of other states' waste actions which might affect the state.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1990, Section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the <u>State Register</u> 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.

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

ARNE H. CARLSON Governor

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