



**EXECUTIVE ORDER 92-4
PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF ETHANOL
IN STATE VEHICLES**

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, the farm economy in Minnesota suffers from a variety of current problems including low prices for cash grain produced in the state; and

WHEREAS, the technology exists for the cost-effective conversion of grain and agricultural waste products into ethanol; and

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of traditional fossil fuels in the state, and agriculturally-derived ethanol when mixed with gasoline (and hereinafter called "ethanol") can help ease this shortage; and

WHEREAS, the use of ethanol in vehicles can help improve the efficiency of gasoline in engines and at the same time reduce harmful emissions from those engines; and

WHEREAS, the increased use of ethanol will help to encourage the construction of grain conversion facilities in the state resulting in the creation of new jobs and increased economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the increased use of ethanol will help reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. All agencies and employees of the state are directed to use ethanol in gasoline-powered vehicles owned by the state to the extent practicable and to the extent that no substantial increase in price will occur.
2. The Commissioner of Administration shall periodically report to me on the following:
 - a. the extent to which ethanol is used in state-owned gasoline-powered vehicles;
 - b. the purchase price differential between ethanol and gasoline.
3. The Commissioner of Agriculture, in association with other affected state agency heads, shall assess opportunities for using ethanol for other purposes, such as being blended with diesel fuels.
4. The Commissioner of Agriculture, in association with the heads of other affected agencies, shall encourage the development of new ethanol processing facilities in Minnesota.

5. State agencies shall provide appropriate technical advice and other forms of assistance to local governments, businesses and others interested in converting to the use of ethanol.
6. The Commissioner of Administration shall develop guidelines to implement this order as soon as possible. The commissioner shall:
 - a. to the extent practical, make bulk purchases of ethanol produced from Minnesota agricultural feedstocks;
 - b. place a list of Minnesota gasoline stations offering ethanol in each state-owned gasoline-powered vehicle;
 - c. provide a copy of this Order to every state agency head. Each agency head is responsible for informing his or her employees of this directive.

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 eighteenth day of March, 1992.



ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

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JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State

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