

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 93-22
AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES
TO SUSPEND RIM AND COST-SHARE RULES
FOR FLOODED LANDOWNERS**

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 Emergency Executive Order:

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency has been declared in the State of Minnesota pursuant to Emergency Executive Orders 93-7, 93-12, 93-15, 93-16, 93-18 and 93-19 because of recent severe flooding throughout Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Reinvest in Minnesota Reserve Program ("RIM") under Minnesota Statutes 1992, Section 103F.515, the Permanent Wetland Preserve Program ("PWP") under Minnesota Statutes 1992, Section 103F.516, and the Cost-Share Program under Minnesota Statutes 1992, Section 103C.501, provide an opportunity for the State of Minnesota to financially assist landowners with their short-term economic problems and at the same time achieve natural resource benefits for the general public; and

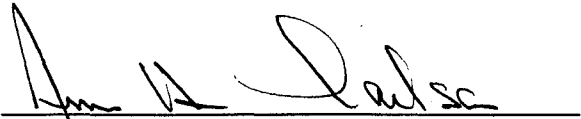
WHEREAS, the Board of Water and Soil Resources ("BWSR") administers the RIM, PWP, and Cost-Share programs on behalf of the State of Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. BWSR is authorized to make advance RIM and PWP payments to landowners determined by BWSR to be eligible for emergency payments, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 or 50 percent of the total RIM or PWP payment, whichever is less, upon the execution of a recordable easement agreement. The easement agreement shall obligate the landowner to refund the advance payment in the event that a final conservation easement is not obtained by the state.
2. For cost-share projects throughout the state which have been approved as of the date of this Order but which have not been started or completed due to flooding conditions, BWSR is authorized to suspend Minnesota Rules Part 8400.1405 to permit soil and water conservation districts to extend the completion dates of conservation practices to December 31, 1995, and to extend the applicable cost-share grant agreements with soil and water conservation districts to December 31, 1995.
3. For cost-share projects throughout the state which have approved with state funds prior to the date of this Order, BWSR is authorized to suspend Minnesota Rules Part 8400.1400 to permit soil and water conservation districts to modify the location or type of conservation practices to address more critical conservation problems resulting from the flooding.
4. For cost-share projects throughout the state which have been funded in whole or in part with state funds prior to the date of this Order, BWSR is authorized to suspend Minnesota Rules Part 8400.2800 to permit soil and water conservation districts to cost-share up to 100 percent on conservation practices necessary to repair conservation practices that have been damaged by the flooding. In no case shall combined state and federal funding exceed 100 percent.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1992, Section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until January 1, 1994.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this second day of September, 1993.



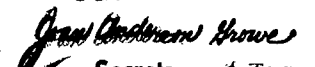
ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

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