

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-12  
PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO  
MOTOR CARRIERS AND DRIVERS OPERATING IN MINNESOTA**

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, the severe spring flooding is threatening communities located near Minnesota's rivers; and

WHEREAS, it is urgent that immediate action be taken to avoid economic loss and to protect the health and safety of Minnesota citizens; and

WHEREAS, emergency assistance of motor carriers is needed to transport sand bags and other materials used to construct and maintain dikes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:


1. A state of emergency exists that requires relief from regulations incorporated in Minnesota Statutes section 221.0314, subdivision 9, pertaining to hours of service for carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles while transporting sand bags and

other materials used to construct and maintain dikes, and other supplies that may be required during this emergency.

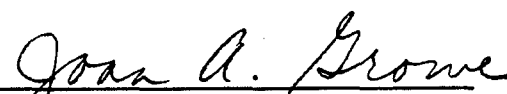
2. Nothing herein shall be construed to relieve motor carriers and drivers from regulations pertaining to qualifications of drivers, driving of commercial motor vehicles, or parts and accessories necessary for the safe operation of vehicles.
  
3. No motor carrier operating under the terms of this Order shall require or allow a fatigued or ill driver to operate a motor vehicle. A driver who informs a carrier that he or she needs immediate rest must be given at least eight consecutive hours off duty before the driver is required to return to service.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 221.0269, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect through and including April 22, 1997, unless rescinded by proper authority, for those carriers and drivers providing direct assistance to the emergency relief effort. Direct assistance to the emergency relief effort terminates when a driver or commercial motor vehicle is used to transport cargo not destined for the emergency relief effort.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this fifteenth day of April, 1997.

  
ARNE H. CARLSON  
Governor

Filed According to Law:

  
JOAN ANDERSON GROWE  
Secretary of State

