



**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-14
PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO
MOTOR CARRIERS 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 has significantly impacted communities located near Minnesota rivers; and

WHEREAS, this crisis has inflicted widespread and substantial damage to the public infrastructure, as well as to individual homes, farms, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is urgent that as the crisis continues and relief efforts commence that action be taken immediately to further protect the health and safety of Minnesota citizens; and

WHEREAS, emergency assistance of motor carriers is needed to transport supplies and materials to stricken areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, a state of emergency has been declared;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. A state of emergency exists that requires relief from the motor carrier registration and fuel trip permit and fee requirements incorporated in Minnesota Statutes, section 168.187, subd. 17, and section 296.17, subd. 17, for those carriers that are assisting with the transportation of supplies and materials required during crisis recovery.
2. Nothing herein shall be construed to relieve motor carriers or their drivers from other applicable laws or regulations except where relief is provided by proper authority.
3. The commissioner of the department of public safety is directed to coordinate with affected state agencies for the administration and enforcement of this Order.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until June 15, or it is rescinded by proper authority, for those carriers providing direct assistance to the emergency relief effort. Direct assistance to the emergency relief effort terminates when a commercial vehicle is used to transport cargo not destined for and dedicated to the relief effort.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this twenty-eighth day of April, 1997.


ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

Filed According to Law:


JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State

