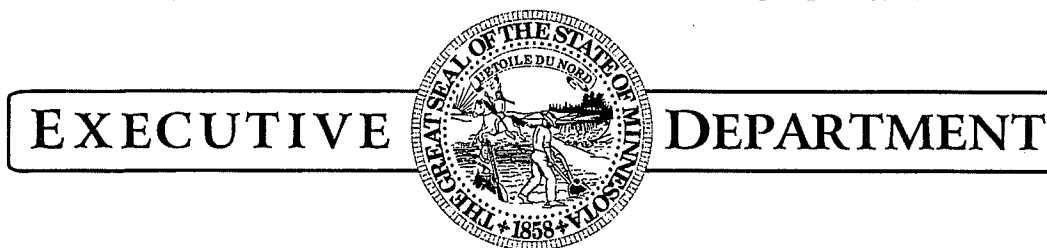


# STATE of MINNESOTA



**JESSE VENTURA**  
GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 99-10  
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON MINING AND MINERALS;  
RESCINDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 92-16**

I, JESSE VENTURA, 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 taconite industry of northeastern Minnesota is facing serious economic challenges; and

WHEREAS, the taconite industry contributes nearly one-third of northeastern Minnesota's \$6 billion annual gross regional product; and

WHEREAS, a strong and competitive mining and minerals industry is necessary to preserve and create jobs into the 21<sup>st</sup> century;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. A Governor's Task Force on Mining and Minerals shall be established. The task force shall have 15 members, appointed by the Governor. Members shall comprise a broad cross section of people interested in strengthening the mining and minerals industry of

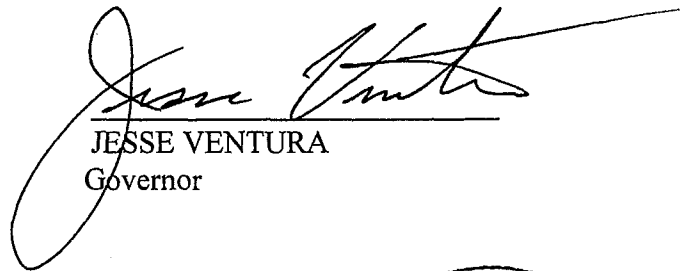
northeastern Minnesota. The Commissioner of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) shall serve as chair.

2. The task force shall recommend to the Governor policies to strengthen the mining and minerals industry of northeastern Minnesota. The goal of the task force shall be to create and preserve jobs in the industry by helping make it competitive in the world market. Among the topics the task force shall address are: taxation, royalties, regulations, environmental issues and financing. The task force may examine economic opportunities beyond taconite such as direct reduction and ilmenite.
3. The IRRRB shall provide staff and administrative support to the task force. Task force members shall receive no per diem, but may be paid expenses in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 15.0593.

This Order shall be reviewed by the Governor, in consultation with the affected agency or agencies, every year in order to assess its reasonableness and need.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1998, 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 1998, section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this second day of April, 1999.

  
JESSE VENTURA  
Governor

Filed According to Law:

  
MARY KIFFMEYER  
Secretary of State

