

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 74

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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Secretary of State

Establishing an Office of Energy  
Coordination and Assigning Responsibilities

I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable Statutes, hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, this nation now faces serious and widespread shortages of energy; and,

WHEREAS, shortages of energy will have profound effects on the lifestyles, economy and development patterns of the state; and,

WHEREAS, there is a potentially severe shortage of heating fuels in Minnesota, and such shortages could have a most serious effect upon the health, welfare and economy of the citizens of the state; and,

WHEREAS, it is a basic right and obligation of this state to develop and conserve its energy sources to provide for the common welfare and the health of its people; and,

WHEREAS, the federal government has established a mandatory middle distillate fuel allocation program, (Title 32A, CFR, Chapter XIII) authorizing each state to designate an office within the executive branch to handle requests for assistance and to designate a state official who may recommend a reallocation of quantities of middle distillate fuels to alleviate hardships.

WHEREAS, it is important that the various responsibilities of a number of state agencies be effectively coordinated to achieve a unified state response to the energy crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I order that, in accordance with the provisions of the Minnesota Statutes 1971, as amended in Chapter 12, Section 12.21:

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1. There be created an Office of Energy Coordination, hereafter referred to as "Office", to be headed by a Director. A Director will be appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. This Office shall exist until such time as the Legislature creates a Department of Energy.
2. The Office is charged with the overall responsibility of coordinating the policies and programs of state government relating to energy. The Director shall represent the Governor in all energy matters within state government, federal agencies, local units of government, representatives of business and commerce, and all other interest and citizen groups.
3. The Office shall be responsible, with the assistance of the Division of Civil Defense, for preparing a Minnesota Emergency Plan for the allocation of fuels within the guidelines of the Federal Mandatory Allocation Regulations.
4. The Office shall prepare an energy plan of action for consideration by the Governor, setting priorities for implementation and identifying appropriate tasks for assignment to other state departments and agencies.
5. The Office shall be responsible for coordinating the efforts of all state departments and agencies related to energy. All departments and agencies will notify the Director of the Office of Energy Coordination of current or planned programs that relate to energy matters. No such action will be taken without the concurrence of the Director of the Office. The Director is responsible for monitoring and reporting to the Governor on a regular basis

the progress of the state government energy conservation program being implemented by the Department of Administration.

6. The Director will work with legislative committees considering energy legislation and represent the Governor in legislative matters relating to energy.
7. The Office shall immediately take steps to anticipate pending state legislation to create a Department of Energy by directing the activities of agencies and departments to initiate the duties and tasks specified in that legislation.
8. The Office shall review the Fuel Information Reports received by the state pursuant to Chapter 697, Laws 1973.
9. The Director of the Office shall serve as the Minnesota representative on the Midwest Governors' Conference Task Force on Midwest Energy Requirements and Environmental Protection.
10. The Division of Civil Defense, Department of Public Safety, shall be the responsible state office under the terms of the Federal Mandatory Fuel Allocation Program and shall be responsible for the execution of a Minnesota emergency plan for allocation of fuels within the guidelines of those regulations. The Director of the Division of Civil Defense shall be the designated state official who will receive requests for reallocation and shall recommend, after consultation with the Office of Energy Coordination, to the Office of Petroleum Allocations, U. S. Department of Interior, reallocations from the state reserve.
11. The Office shall be responsible for coordinating all measures taken by the state in response to federal administrative and legislative directives, including the preparation of any emergency energy conservation and contingency programs required of the state by the "National Emergency Energy Act of 1973," now under consideration by the Congress.

12. The Minnesota Emergency Energy Committee created pursuant to Executive Order No. 70, will advise the Office on executive actions necessary to respond to current or potential energy shortages.
13. The Director of the Office is authorized to request the Commissioner of Administration to transfer state employees to the Office to carry out the provisions of this Executive Order, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 16.125 and 16.13.

This Order shall be effective immediately and will be distributed to all departments and agencies of state government.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this second day of January, 1974.

*Wendell R. Anderson*

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