

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 83-1

Providing for the use of Gasohol in State Vehicles

I, Rudy Perpich, 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 farm economy in Minnesota suffers from a variety of current problems including low prices for cash grains produced in the state, and

WHEREAS, the technology exists for the cost-effective conversion of grain into ethanol, and

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of traditional fossil fuels in the state, and grain-derived ethanol when mixed with gasoline (and hereinafter called "gasohol") can help ease this shortage, and

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WHEREAS, the use of gasohol in vehicles can help improve the efficiency of gasoline engines and at the same time reduce harmful emissions from those engines, and

WHEREAS, the increased use of gasohol will help to encourage the construction of grain conversion facilities in the state resulting in the creation of new jobs and increased economic activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I order that:

- All agencies and employees of the state are directed to use gasohol in gasoline-powered vehicles owned by the state to the extent practicable and to the extent that no substantial increase in price will occur.
- 2. The Commissioner of Administration shall develop guidelines, shall implement steps to put this order into effect as soon as possible, and shall seek out bulk purchase of grain-derived ethanol or gasohol produced, preferably, from Minnesota grain.
- 3. The Commissioner of Administration shall periodically report to me in respect to the following matters:
  - a. the extent to which gasohol is used in stateowned gasoline-powered vehicles,

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- b. the location of the manufacture of the ethanol used in the gasohol, and the approximate degree to which the ethanol is derived from Minnesota grain, and
- c. any purchase price differentials from the price of gasoline, any increased efficiencies derived from using gasohol and any estimated alterations in the amount and quality of emissions as a result of using gasohol.
- 4. The Commissioner of Administration, in association with other affected state agency heads, shall assess opportunities for using grain-derived ethanol for other purposes, such as being blended with diesel fuels.
- 5. All agencies of the state shall provide appropriate technical advice and other forms of assistance to local governments, businesses and others interested in converting to the use of gasohol.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of January, 1983.

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Ingeil RUDY PERPIO Governor

Filed according to law:

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