



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 83-22**

**Providing For the Establishment of a  
Governor's Task Force on High-Level  
Radioactive Waste**

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 United States Department of Energy is responsible for siting and developing national high-level radioactive waste repositories in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota has an opportunity to review and comment on Department of Energy's activities related to any proposed siting activities impacting Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board to serve as the lead agency in the executive branch for the purpose of coordinating and preparing state responses to studies, proposed rules, findings or other actions taken by the federal government in its pursuit of a national high level radioactive waste repository. The Chairman, or

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his designee is responsible for monitoring federal activities in waste management and informing appropriate state agencies of the need for state involvement and review.

2. State agencies to provide technical assistance as requested to adequately review reports, standards, guidelines and proposals submitted by the U.S. Department of Energy.
3. The establishment of the Governor's Task Force on High-Level Radioactive Waste Management pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 15.0593 and other applicable state statutes.
4. The Task Force shall be composed of no more than twelve (12) members appointed by the Governor and shall consist of:
  - a. The Chairman of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board.
  - b. Two (2) members of the House of Representatives.
  - c. Two (2) members of the Senate.
  - d. The Executive Director of the Pollution Control Agency.
  - e. The Commissioner of Health.
  - f. The Executive Director of the Minnesota Geological Survey.

- g. The Commissioner of Energy, Planning and Development.
- h. The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.
- i. Two (2) citizens knowledgeable in geo-engineering and radiological activities.

At least one Task Force member shall be from the northern half of the state. The Governor shall select the Chairman of the Task Force from among its members.


- 5. The terms of the members of the Task Force shall expire upon completion of its charge as determined by the Chair, but not be more than 3 years from the date of this Order. Per diem shall not be paid to members. Expenses shall be reimbursed according to the rules of the Department of Employees.
- 6. The Task Force shall be responsible for advising the Environmental Quality Board, the Governor, and the Legislature on all policy issues related to the management of high-level radioactive waste including, but not limited to, geologic disposal.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 4.035, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after filing with the Secretary of State and publication in the State Register and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1983.

  
RUDY PERPICH  
Governor

Filed According to Law:

  
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