

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER NINE

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: GOVERNOR'S DROUGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the surface and groundwater resources of the State of Delaware are among our most critical resources; and

WHEREAS, demands on fresh water supplies for public, domestic, industrial, agricultural, commercial and ornamental uses in Delaware continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, there are instream water needs of fish and wildlife for which provisions must be made; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of appropriate water quality standards must be ensured; and

WHEREAS, increased demand for water may result in conflicts between individuals and businesses who use water for the same and/or different purposes; and

WHEREAS, periods of hydrologic deficiency may increase the competition for available water supplies; and

WHEREAS, any directive to reduce water use during drought conditions can be anticipated to have a substantial impact on the State's environment and economy, thereby affecting a wide range of water users and interests; and

WHEREAS, a high degree of cooperation between the various water users of Delaware will be necessary during a drought and will require constant communication between spokespersons representing these interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas R. Carper, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order that:

1. The Drought Advisory Committee is hereby continued and composed of the:

Governor's Chief of Staff, Chairperson;  
Secretary, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control;  
Director, Delaware Geological Survey;  
Chairperson, Public Service Commission;  
Secretary, Department of Public Safety;  
Secretary, Department of Agriculture;  
Secretary, Department of Health and Social Services; and  
State Fire Marshal.

2. The Committee shall meet on the call of the Chairperson to review imminent and existing water shortage problems and provide recommendations to the Governor for such actions, including those involving coordinated efforts among

the State, local governments and private users of water, as may be necessary and appropriate during periods of drought and declared water emergencies.



APPROVED this 14 day of July, 1993

Thomas R. Carpe  
Governor

Attest:

William T. Zullo  
Secretary of State