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 14th day of July, 1993

[Signature]
Governor

Attest:
[Signature]
Secretary of State