

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY-ONE

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER NINE TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNOR'S DROUGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Governor's Drought Advisory Committee (the "Committee") plays a major role in ensuring the continued adequacy of one of our most critical natural resources -- our water supply; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is the Governor's primary source of advice regarding the necessity to order water conservation measures in the event of an actual or threatened drought; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore important the Committee have the necessary expertise and information to provide sound advice to the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the supplementation of the Committee's membership in certain respects will provide the Committee with a broader and more expert knowledge base for making recommendations to the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the addition of the State Climatologist to the Committee would enable it to anticipate upcoming hydrological conditions based on the best available information regarding relevant weather forecasts; and

WHEREAS, the addition of key employees of water utilities to the Committee in particular circumstances can be of great value in the Committee's decision-making process because such persons have unique access to information regarding water usage and water supplies in their utilities' service areas.

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

- 1. Executive Order Number Nine is hereby amended by striking existing Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
 - "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;

State Fire Marshal;

State Climatologist;

such representatives of water utility companies as are deemed useful by the Chairperson to serve either on an on-going or temporary basis; and such other members as the Governor may from time to time appoint."

2. Copies of this Executive Order be distributed along with copies of Executive Order Number Nine.

APPROVED this lotheray of August, 1995.

Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State