

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER THIRTY-THREE

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES AND ALL
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL UNITS OF THE
STATE OF DELAWARE

RE: RECISION OF MANDATORY RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN NON-ESSENTIAL
USES OF WATER; CONTINUANCE OF DROUGHT WARNING STATUS AND
VOLUNTARY RESTRICTIONS.

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number Thirty-Two, approved
September 25, 1986, imposes mandatory restrictions on certain
non-essential uses of water by water users in New Castle County
north of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal; and

WHEREAS, those restrictions and recent increased precipita-
tion served effectively to avoid or mitigate the immediate
adverse impacts of drought during this fall season; and

WHEREAS, seasonal water demand decreases significantly in
winter months; and

WHEREAS, public water suppliers are able to supply current
water demands; and

WHEREAS, public water suppliers are also able to make preparations to ensure water supplies for next year, using established interconnections and practices of conjunctive use of ground and surface water during winter and spring; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number Twenty-Seven, approved July 10, 1986, declared a drought warning for the State of Delaware and imposed voluntary restrictions statewide on all non-essential uses of water; and

WHEREAS, long-term hydrologic deficiencies are still apparent in cumulative precipitation and groundwater data; and

WHEREAS, the Drought Advisory Committee has recommended that the currently imposed mandatory restrictions be lifted and that the current drought warning status be maintained until further notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL N. CASTLE, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order that:

1. The mandatory restrictions imposed by Executive Order Number Thirty-Two upon water users in that portion of the State of Delaware north of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal are hereby rescinded.

2. The drought warning for the State of Delaware, as declared by Executive Order Number Twenty-Seven on July 10, 1986, pursuant to my authority under 20 Del. C. § 3122 remains in effect. The voluntary restrictions on the non-essential uses of water imposed by Executive Order Number Twenty-Seven shall remain in effect.

3. The Drought Advisory Committee, created pursuant to Executive Order Number Five, approved May 9, 1985, shall continue to meet on a regular basis and report to the Governor on water supply and hydrologic conditions within the State of Delaware.

4. Those agencies of the State of Delaware which have undertaken drought-response actions and studies pursuant to Executive Order Number Eleven, approved July 31, 1985, shall complete said actions and/or studies.

5. Those public water suppliers and major industrial water users in northern New Castle County are requested to continue to develop water shortage contingency plans for possible 15% and 25% reductions of both water withdrawal and depletive water use and are requested to submit such completed plans to the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for review and comment.



APPROVED this 19th day
of November, 1986.

Michael R. Castle
Governor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Secretary of State