

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER Seventy Three

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: LIMITED STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on Saturday, June 24, 1989, the vessel President Rivera ran aground at 4:46 a.m. in the Delaware River off of Claymont, Delaware spilling an unknown number of gallons of Number 6 crude oil; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard has determined that the magnitude of that spill is much larger than originally estimated and may be as large as 800,000 gallons of oil; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard has declared an environmental emergency as defined under the Federal Clean Water Act as a result of this spill; and

WHEREAS, Number 6 crude oil must be removed to a large extent by the utilization of manual labor; and

WHEREAS, the extent of this spill may have serious detrimental effects on the environmentally delicate shorelines of the Delaware River, including but not limited to Pea Patch Island where one of the largest rookeries in the Mid-Atlantic region is located.

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

1. A limited state of emergency is hereby declared solely for the purpose of activating the National Guard to assist in the clean up of the oil spill; and

2. The Delaware National Guard is hereby authorized to utilize personnel and equipment, including but not limited to, necessary aviation assets, to assist the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in all necessary clean up efforts regarding the oil spill.

APPROVED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1989.



Michael N. Castle  
Governor

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Secretary of State