

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER SEVENTY-ONE

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: ENERGY CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, it is the Policy of the State of Delaware to practice energy conservation in the administration of its facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Nation are continuously faced with an insecure energy supply situation which could result in energy shortages; and

WHEREAS, such shortages could have an adverse impact upon the health, welfare, and economy of the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens that the State properly manage its energy resources; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of government to provide leadership in practice as well as principle.

NOW, THEREFORE, I PIERRE S. du PONT, IV, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. Effective this date and until terminated by notice from this office, all State Agencies, Departments and Offices are:

a. to operate heating systems with temperatures not to exceed 65° during normal working hours. Temperatures shall also not exceed 55° in those facilities during unoccupied times including the non-business hours of 5 P.M. to 7:30 A.M. on workdays, weekends and holidays. Wherever possible doors to unused rooms should be closed and heat controls for those areas set to the minimum temperature of 55°;

b. to operate air conditioning no more than is necessary to maintain a temperature of 80^o between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. during normal working days. During non-working hours, weekends and holidays the air conditioning temperature should be no less than is required to maintain the integrity and operation of the system;

c. health care facilities, such as hospitals and homes for the aged and infirmed, are exempt from this restriction if such temperatures threaten life, health, or safety; however, it should be applied, where heating and cooling systems permit, in administrative areas of such facilities;

2. Effective this date and until terminated by notice from this office, all State Agencies, Departments and Offices shall:

a. provide that all State vehicles shall strictly adhere to the posted speed limits, especially the 55 MPH highway limit;

b. encourage and utilize carpooling, making every effort to effectively schedule within-State activities to minimize excessive travel and to conserve motor gasoline;

3. Effective this date and until terminated by notice from this office, all State Departments, Agencies, and Offices shall:

a. immediately implement a program designed at reducing the lighting levels a minimum of ten percent (10%); and,

b. eliminate any non-essential outdoor lighting taking into consideration safety and protection of individuals as well as State facilities;

4. All State employees and citizens and businesses of the State are encouraged to practice similar energy conservation measures;

5. The Delaware Energy Office and the Department of Administrative Services shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this Order.

Any exceptions other than those relating to health facilities must be approved in writing by the Director of the Delaware Energy Office and the Secretary of the Department of Administrative Services.

This Executive Order supersedes Executive Orders Numbered Three, Fifteen and Seventy-One.



APPROVED this *11th* day
of *April*, 1979.

R. A. Bahr
Governor

ATTEST:

William C. Taylor
Secretary of State