

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER NINETY-FIVE

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES
RE: DROUGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, development of fresh water supplies for public, domestic, industrial, agricultural, commercial, and ornamental uses in Delaware has been and continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, instream water needs to protect fish and wildlife and to maintain water quality standards must also be provided for; and

WHEREAS, increased demand for water has resulted in conflicts between water users of the same and/or different types of water use; and

WHEREAS, the current drought conditions experienced in the Delaware River Basin - though not yet adversely impacting Delaware's fresh water supply availability - may be the harbinger of an anticipated period of relative water scarcity which will increase the number and scope of conflicts between competing water uses; and

WHEREAS, no priority system exists at the present time to authorize use of water between competing users during periods of water shortage emergencies; and

WHEREAS, any directives to reduce water use during a shortage emergency is anticipated to have substantial impact on the State's environment and economy affecting a wide range of water users and interests; and

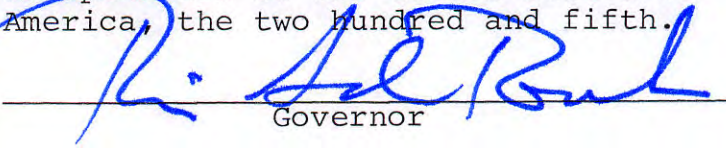
WHEREAS, a high degree of cooperation between the various water uses and water users of Delaware will be necessary during a shortage emergency and require input from spokespersons representing and/or regulating these interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PIERRE S. du PONT, IV, Governor of the State of Delaware, pursuant to the powers vested in me as Governor of said State, hereby establish a Drought Advisory Committee composed of the following persons:

Executive Assistant to the Governor, Chairman
Secretary, Department of Natural Resources
and Environmental Control
Director, Delaware Geological Survey
Chairman, Public Service Commission
Secretary, Department of Community Affairs and
Economic Development or any successor
agency responsible for economic develop-
ment in Delaware
Secretary, Department of Agriculture
State Fire Marshall

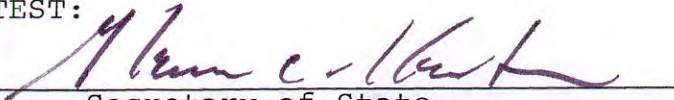
This committee will meet on the call of the Chairman to review imminent and existing water shortage problems and provide recommendations to the Governor for such extraordinary actions as may be appropriate during a period of declared water emergency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, PIERRE S. du PONT, IV, Governor of the State of Delaware, have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of said State to be hereunto affixed at Dover, this 31st day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fifth.



Governor

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

