

**STATE OF DELAWARE****EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
DOVER**

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER NINETY-SEVEN

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCES  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the surface and groundwater resources of the State of Delaware are one of its most critical resources; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control is mandated by state law (7 Delaware Code, Section 6010(b)) "to formulate, adopt, amend and implement a comprehensive water plan" for the proper management of those resources; and

WHEREAS, Delaware, as a member state of the Delaware River Basin Compact, must be adequately prepared to consider and vote on many key water resources issues; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions in the Delaware River Basin have heightened the awareness that our water resources are limited; and

WHEREAS, the various water quality and water supply programs of state and local agencies must be coordinated for the most effective and efficient service to the public; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive water resource planning can provide a means of reducing extraneous, uncoordinated or duplicative planning efforts and expenses, and provide for more effective coordination of state programs with those of other governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, it is the collective judgment of the chief executive officers of the State and the various political subdivisions of Delaware, that the task of planning for the effective management of Delaware's water resources in a comprehensive manner proceed immediately.

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

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1. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control shall organize, develop and implement a Comprehensive Water Resources Planning Program - such program to consider all aspects of water resources management including water quality and water supply needs.

2. There is hereby established a Comprehensive Water Resources Management Committee whose membership shall include but not necessarily be limited to:

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Department of Health and Social Services

Department of Community Affairs & Economic Development

Office of Management, Budget & Planning

Department of Agriculture

Delaware Geological Survey

Intergovernmental Task Force

Public Service Commission

New Castle County Water Resources Agency

Kent County Planning Office

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department

City of Dover

University of Delaware Water Resources Center

Delaware River Basin Commission

Chesapeake Section, American Water Works Association

Delaware Farm Bureau

Delaware League of Local Governments

Delaware League of Women Voters

Delaware Nature Education Society

Council on Environmental Control

U. S. Water Resources Council

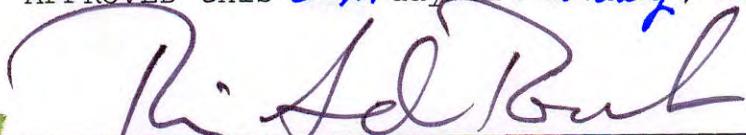
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency

3. The Secretary of the DNREC shall designate a chairman of the Comprehensive Water Resources Management Committee (the "Committee"), who shall be responsible for calling meetings of the Committee and preparing agenda for such meetings.

4. The Committee shall provide guidance to the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and serve as a forum for resolution of water resources management issues, development of goals and objectives, exchange of information, coordination of work programs, development of recommendations on methods and approaches to facilitate management of Delaware's water resources, and provide for public information and participation throughout development of the program.

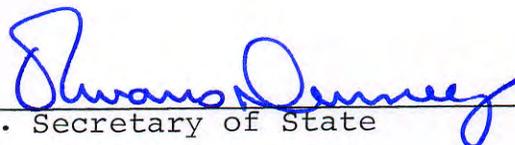
5. The Committee is hereby directed to hold an annual conference on Comprehensive Water Resources Management to review program status and update objectives and priorities for the ensuing year.

APPROVED this *20th* day of *February*, 1981.



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Pierre S. du Pont, IV  
Governor

ATTEST:



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Asst. Secretary of State

