



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act enacted by Chapter 274, Laws of 1971, as amended by Chapter 204, Laws of 1973, requires all agencies of the State to consider the environmental consequences of all their actions and to assess and disclose the environmental impact of "major actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment"; and

WHEREAS, procedures were issued in December 1973 by Executive Order No. 69 to guide the State agencies in their compliance with the provisions of the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act and to encourage interagency coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Interagency NEPA Coordinating Committee has reviewed implementation of these Guidelines and has recommended revisions to the 1973 guidelines for the implementation of the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. LUCEY, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER:

- 1) That all State agencies listed in Chapter 15 of the Wisconsin Statutes, including attached boards and commissions, comply with the attached Revised Guidelines for Implementation of the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act, and:
  - a) Maintain an updated Agency Action List to assist in identifying those "major actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment."
  - b) Prepare complete environmental impact statements on environmental significant actions.
  - c) Distribute environmental impact materials to interested agencies, associations and persons for their review and comment.
  - d) Institute specific procedures, in accordance with the general guidelines, for comprehensive environmental impact reviews suited to the specific functions of each State agency.
- 2) That all State agencies shall cooperate with and assist other State agencies in their preparation of environmental impact materials.

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- 3) That in considering any kind of action, even if the agency has classified the action as a Type III action for Environmental Impact Statement purposes, all responsible State agency officials, to the fullest extent possible, shall examine and respond to the environmental and economic consequences of the action, and, if an EIS was prepared, shall review the EIS and public comments prior to committing the agency to a course of action.
- 4) That previously issued guidelines are superceded by these guidelines, which shall remain in effect until modified or terminated by further Executive Order.
- 5) That the operating effectiveness of these guidelines shall be periodically evaluated by the Intragency WEPA Coordinating Committee and recommendations made to me for their improvement.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 12th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.



*Patrick J. Lucey*  
PATRICK J. LUCEY  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State