



EXECUTIVE ORDER #76

**Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency
for the State of Wisconsin in Response to Drought Conditions
and Incorporating Executive Order #75**

WHEREAS, extreme heat and high humidity continue to cause emergency conditions throughout the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the drought conditions and extreme heat continue to cause damage to agricultural crops and adversely affect livestock; and

WHEREAS, the drought conditions continue to spread further north in the state with weather predictions of continued low precipitation and high heat;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and specifically by sections 323.10 and 323.12(4)(b) and (4)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Incorporate the provisions of Executive Order #75 into this order.
2. Declare the present drought condition to be a natural disaster and proclaim the State of Wisconsin to be in a State of Emergency for 60 days unless extended by Joint Resolution of the Legislature.
3. Designate Wisconsin Emergency Management as the lead agency to coordinate the State's response and recovery effort.
4. Direct all agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist all counties as appropriate in this response and recovery effort.
5. Specifically direct the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection; the Department of Military Affairs; the Department of Health Services; the Department of Natural Resources; the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance; the Public Service Commission; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Tourism; and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority to identify a point person within their respective department and evaluate the current situation and actively propose and pursue solutions.
6. Direct the Department of Natural Resources to waive the fees required for permits under section 30.18 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and direct any other agency to submit any such request in writing to the Office of the Governor for consideration.
7. Direct all relevant state agencies to submit in writing to the Office of the Governor any necessary suspension of administrative rules pursuant to section 323.12(4)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes.



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 eighteenth day of July in the year 2012.


SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State