

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 69

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act enacted by Chapter 274, Laws of 1971, requires all agencies of the State to report on the environmental impact of "major actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment;" and

WHEREAS, consistent procedures are needed to guide the State agencies in their compliance with the provisions of the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act and to encourage inter-agency coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Environmental Impact Coordinating Committee has for the past year thoroughly studied alternative procedures and has recommended Final 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 and DIRECT:

- 1) That all State agencies listed in Chapter 15 of the Wisconsin Statutes, including attached boards and commissions, shall comply with the attached Guidelines for the Implementation of the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act, which shall include:
 - a) Categorizing actions to identify those "major actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment."
 - b) Preparing complete environmental impact reports on environmentally significant actions.
 - c) Distributing environmental impact materials to interested agencies, associations and persons for their review and comment.
 - d) Instituting 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.
 - 3) That the operating effectiveness of these Guidelines be periodically evaluated by the State agencies and recommendations be made for their improvement.
 - 4) That these Guidelines supersede previously issued interim Guidelines and shall remain in effect until modified or terminated by further Executive Order.
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That these Guidelines shall be thoroughly reviewed following an 18-month trial period, and shall be revised as necessary to more effectively meet the statutory requirements of the Wisconsin Environmental Protection Act.

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 fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three.



Patrick J. Lucey

PATRICK J. LUCEY
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Walter J. Koronick

Secretary of State