



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**JOHN ENGLER**  
GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
**No. 1995 - 18**

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION**



**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engler, Governor of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 and the laws of the State of Michigan, do hereby order the following:**

**1. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is created as a principal department within the Executive Branch.**

**2. The Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.**

**3. All the statutory authority, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of the:**

**a. Air Quality Division, including but not limited to the authority, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities set forth in Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being Section 324.5501 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws;**



**g. Office of Administrative Hearings, including but not limited to the authority, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities set forth in Executive Order 1995-4;**

**4. All the statutory authority, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of the Environmental Investigations Unit of the Law Enforcement Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources are transferred to the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality by a Type II transfer, as defined by Section 3 of Act No. 380 of the Public Acts of 1965, being Section 16.103 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.**

7. All authority to make decisions regarding administrative appeals associated with the transfers referred to in paragraphs 3, 5 and 6 above, which reside with the Commission of Natural Resources or the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, are transferred to the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. In the event the Director is directly involved in an initial decision which is subsequently appealed through the Office of Administrative Hearings and to the Director for a decision, the Director shall appoint an individual within or outside the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to decide the appeal.

8. All authority to establish general policies associated with the functions transferred in paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 above, which reside with the Commission of Natural Resources or the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, are transferred to the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

9. All authority related to paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 above, which reside with the Director, the Office of Director, the Deputy Director of Environmental Protection or the Office of the Deputy Director of Environmental Protection of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, are transferred to the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. This transfer shall specifically include the authority, duties, powers, functions and responsibilities of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and/or the Department of Natural Resources set forth in Act No. 57 of the Public Acts of 1995, being Section 324.61501 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

10. The Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality shall provide executive direction and supervision for the implementation of the transfers. The assigned functions shall be administered under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and all related prescribed functions of rule-making, licensing and registration, including the prescription of rules, regulations, standards and adjudications,

shall be transferred to the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality consistent with Executive Order 1995-6.

11. The Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality may perform a duty or exercise a power conferred by law or this Order upon the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality at the time and to the extent the duty or power is delegated to the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality by law or by this Order.

12. The Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality may by written instrument delegate a duty or a power conferred by law or this Order and the person to whom such duty or power is so delegated may perform such duty or exercise such power at the time and to the extent that such duty or power is delegated by the Director.

13. Decisions made by the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality or persons to whom the Director has lawfully delegated decision-making authority, pursuant to this Order relating to natural resource management or environmental protection, shall be final when reduced to writing and delivered to all affected persons, unless otherwise provided by law.

15. The Directors of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality shall make internal organizational changes as may be administratively necessary to complete the realignment of responsibilities prescribed by this Order.

16. The Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Deputy Director for Environmental Protection of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources shall immediately initiate coordination to facilitate the transfers and develop a memorandum of record identifying any pending settlements, issues of compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, or other obligations to be resolved by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

17. All rules, orders, contracts and agreements relating to the assigned functions lawfully adopted prior to the effective date of this Order shall continue to be effective until revised, amended or repealed.

18. Any suit, action or other proceeding lawfully commenced by, against or before any entity affected by this Order shall not abate by reason of the taking effect of this Order. Any suit, action or other proceeding may be maintained by, against or before the appropriate successor of any entity affected by this Order.

In fulfillment of the requirement of Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, the provisions of this Executive Order shall become effective October 1, 1995, at 12:01 a.m.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 31st day of July, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Five.



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GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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