

STATE OF MONTANA  
Executive Order No. 5-80  
Office of the Governor

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Executive order calling for the Establishment of an Interagency Pipeline Task Force to Coordinate the Siting of the Proposed Northern Tier Pipeline.

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WHEREAS, several agencies of state government have statutory authority to regulate different elements respecting the siting, construction and operation of the Northern Tier Pipeline;

WHEREAS, no agency of state government has comprehensive statutory authority to coordinate the permitting and review processes of the state agencies concerning the siting, construction and operation of large diameter pipelines;

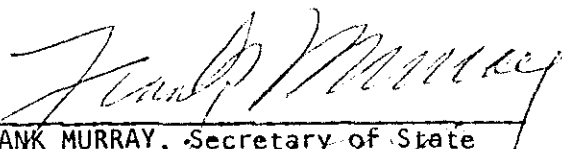
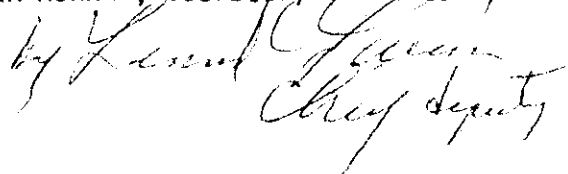
NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS L. JUDGE, in accordance with the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby order and direct the Department of State Lands, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Montana Historic Preservation Office, Department of Health & Environmental Sciences, Department of Highways, and Department of Natural Resources & Conservation to establish by Interagency agreement an INTERAGENCY PIPELINE TASK FORCE to be administered by the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. The INTERAGENCY PIPELINE TASK FORCE will facilitate joint, cooperative and coordinated actions by state agencies and provide informational support for those agencies in fulfilling legal obligations relating to the Northern Tier Pipeline. The objectives of the INTERAGENCY PIPELINE TASK FORCE are to: avoid duplication of effort; provide informational support to agencies; share skills, knowledge and expertise; provide public information; provide a central point of contact between the construction of and regulatory authority over the pipeline; and, provide adequate personnel and funding for necessary activities performed by the INTERAGENCY PIPELINE TASK FORCE. Specifically, the INTERAGENCY PIPELINE TASK FORCE will: provide a single point of contact to facilitate communications between state agencies and Northern Tier, and state agencies and the Bureau of Land

Management Pipeline Monitoring Office; establish an information program to provide information about general pipeline construction and government involvement available to the public affected by the project; coordinate an interagency study to evaluate and recommend a centerline on state owned or administered land and work with Federal agencies and private landowners (upon request) on federal and private lands to promote consistency in centerline selection; review and evaluate Northern Tier's design and operational plans for agencies (if requested) if state approval of such plans are required prior to construction; and, coordinate construction surveillance to determine if permit and easement conditions are being adhered to.

Given under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 30 day of July in the year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

  
THOMAS L. JUDGE, Governor

ATTEST:

  
FRANK MURRAY, Secretary of State  
  
Chief Deputy