

STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6-84

Executive Order Establishing a Procedure for Coordinating Executive Agency Responses to Federal Environmental Impact Statements.

WHEREAS, federal agencies often request the comments of two more state agencies on draft and final federal environmental impact statements (EIS); and

WHEREAS, a coordination of response among the state agencies on draft or final federal EIS's would be beneficial by providing the agencies with the opportunity to anticipate, resolve and minimize inter-agency conflicts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TED SCHWINDEN, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, do hereby direct all state agencies as follows:

1. Contact the Office of the Governor in writing, if the agency has been requested to comment on a draft or final federal EIS, (including those processed through the IGR Clearinghouse), and if the agency intends to respond; and
2. Provide the office with a written description of the project being evaluated in the EIS; and
3. Recommend whether inter-agency consultation and coordination is necessary.

If inter-agency coordination is advisable, this office will coordinate executive branch response.

Executive Order 17-79 is hereby repealed.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 9th day of July, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four


TED SCHWINDEN, Governor

ATTEST:


JIM WALTERMIRE, Secretary of State