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STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-89

OF MONTANA

EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE
MINE PERMITTING IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, mining is an important part of Montana's heritage;
and

WHEREAS, the continuation of existing mining operations is
crucial to the economic health of Montana; and

WHEREAS, the development of new mines must be encouraged to
increase Montana's economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, environmental impacts from mining must be minimized
through the mine permitting process; and

WHEREAS, the permitting process should be periodically
reviewed and improved, so as to protect the environment and
public health of Montanans, while also allowing for orderly and
efficient mineral development.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STAN STEPHENS, Governor of the State of
Montana, do hereby establish the Mine Permitting Improvement
Advisory Council.

I. PURPOSE

The Mine Permitting Improvement Advisory Council shall:

1. Review the current mine permitting system in Montana;
2. Compare Montana's system with those from other states;
3. Recommend to the Governor improvements that could be
achieved administratively to:
 - A. expedite the permitting process,
 - B. increase public participation in the process,
 - C. protect the environment from mining impacts;
4. Propose to the Governor necessary legislation to
achieve the above recommendations.

II. COMPOSITION

The following persons shall serve on the Mine Permitting Improvement Advisory Council at the pleasure of the Governor:

Art Wittich, Chair
Governor's Office
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Debbie Schmidt
Environmental Quality Council
Helena, MT 59620

Gary Amestoy, Ex-officio
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III. COMPENSATION


The Council members shall not be eligible for compensation or reimbursed for travel expenses. It is anticipated that all meetings will be held in Helena, and called by the Chair no more frequently than bi-monthly.

IV. DURATION

This Council shall exist through December 31, 1990.

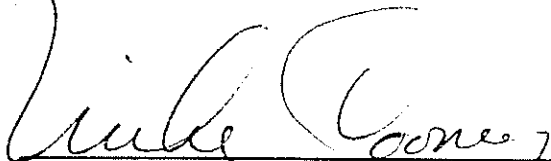
This Order is effective August 31, 1989.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 31st day of August, in the year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight-Nine.



STAN STEPHENS, Governor

ATTEST:



MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State