

STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-92

EXECUTIVE ORDER ORGANIZING AND AUTHORIZING THE
STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION IN MONTANA

WHEREAS, the federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, hereinafter referred to as "the Act," requires that the Governor of each state shall appoint a state emergency response commission; and

WHEREAS, the following agencies and organizations have important activities relating to the many phases of hazardous materials inventory identification, planning and risk management; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Montana address the important issues relating to hazardous materials;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STAN STEPHENS, 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 Order and Direct:

1. The State Emergency Response Commission, hereinafter referred to as "the Commission," shall be organized to consist of the following persons:

Mr. William K. Good, Jr., Co-Chair
Administrator, DES Division
Department of Military Affairs
Helena, MT 59620

Mr. Thomas M. Ellerhoff, Co-Chair
Administrator Officer, Environmental Sciences Division
Department of Health and Environmental Sciences
Helena, MT 59620

Mr. Rick Bartos
Chief Legal Counsel
State Capitol, Officer of the Governor
Helena, MT 59620

Mr. Curt Laingen, Safety Director
Montana Motor Carriers Association
501 N. Sanders
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Mr. Erwin Kent
Administrator, Law Enforcement Division
Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Helena, MT 59620

Mr. Gary Gingery
Administrator, Agricultural and Biological Sciences Division
Department of Agriculture
Helena, MT 59620

Mr. Bruce Suenram
Chief, Fire Prevention and Investigation Bureau
Department of Justice
Helena, MT 59620

Lt. Col. W. James Stotts
Assistant Chief, Montana Highway Patrol
Department of Justice
Helena, MT 59620

Mr. Bill Strizich, Chief Maintenance Engineer
Maintenance and Equipment Bureau
Highways Division, Department of Transportation
Helena, MT 59620

Mr. Seldon "Butch" Weedon
Director, MSU Fire Training School
2100 16th Ave. South
Great Falls, MT 59405

Mr. Thomas Taylor
President, Montana Fire Chiefs Association
Glendive Fire Department
Glendive, MT 59330

Mr. Pat Keim
Burlington Northern Railroad
139 N. Last Chance Gulch
Helena, MT 59601

Mr. Bill Rhoads
Montana Power Company
40 East Broadway
Butte, MT 59701

2. The Commission may receive grants, donations or gifts of money, equipment, supplies and services from any public or private source to carry out its duties hereunder.
3. The representative from the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences and the representative from the Department of Military Affairs, Disaster and Emergency Services Division, shall serve as co-chairpersons of the Commission. The Department of Health and Environmental Sciences and the Department of Military Affairs shall serve as lead agencies for the State of Montana.
4. The duties of the Commission shall include those enumerated in the Act.
5. In addition to the duties in the Act, the Commission shall:
 - a. Develop and make recommendations concerning hazardous materials management and incident response in Montana; and
 - b. Develop and make policy recommendations regarding the implementation of the Act and related issues; and
 - c. Oversee the disbursement of funds which become available pursuant to the Act; and
 - d. Coordinate and assist the Statewide Coordination Council for the transportation of hazardous wastes and materials as set forth in Executive Order 18-92.
6. The Commission may establish special task forces to accomplish the specific tasks related to the duties of the Commission upon the consent of the chief of staff.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 27th day of October in the year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-two.

Stan Stephens

STAN STEPHENS
Governor

ATTEST:

Mike Cooney

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State