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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMISSIONS DIVISION

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Director of the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency that a natural disaster of significant proportions has occurred in Missouri, which has been affected by severe weather; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather that began on March 29, 2006, has created a condition of distress and hazards to the safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Missouri beyond the capabilities of some local jurisdictions, and other established agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is charged by law with protecting and enhancing the quality of Missouri's environment and with enforcing a variety of environmental rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, to respond to the emergency and to expedite the cleanup and recovery process, it is necessary to adjust certain environmental rules and regulations on a temporary and short-term basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATT BLUNT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Chapter 44, RSMo, do hereby issue the following order:

The Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is vested with full discretionary authority to temporarily waive or suspend the operation of any statutory or administrative rule or regulation currently in place under his purview in order to best serve the interest of the public health and safety during the period of the emergency and the subsequent recovery period. The authority granted by the Order shall remain in effect for the duration of the emergency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri in the City of Jefferson on this 3rd day of April, 2006.



Matt Blunt
Governor

ATTEST:

Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State