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**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
08-08***Robin Carnahan*  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
COMMISSION DIVISION

WHEREAS, The Director of the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency has advised me that severe weather has caused a natural disaster of significant proportions in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the severe winter weather that began on February 10, 2008, 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

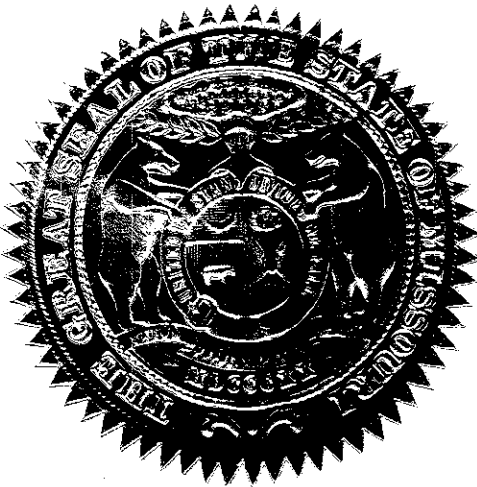
WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is charged by law with protecting and enhancing the quality of Missouri's environment and with enforcing a variety of environmental rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, in order to respond to the emergency and 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 interests of the public health and safety during the period of the emergency and the subsequent recovery period.

This order shall terminate on April 1, 2008, unless extended in whole or in part.



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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

**Matt Blunt**  
Governor

**ATTEST:**

**Robin Carnahan**  
Secretary of State