



**DELEGATION OF EMERGENCY AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO  
ORS 401.035**

On December 3, 2007, I issued Executive Order 07- 24 declaring a state of emergency in all areas of the state affected by the severe winter storm, winds and resulting flooding. I am informed by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that debris removal efforts in affected areas are inhibited by certain state permitting requirements. Based on the information I have received from DEQ and Oregon Emergency Management, in accordance with my authority under ORS 401.065(2), I find that strict compliance with certain DEQ rules would prevent, hinder or delay mitigation of the effects of this emergency.


Therefore, pursuant to ORS 401.035, I delegate to the Director of DEQ, the authority conferred under ORS 401.065(2) to issue emergency orders as needed in order to temporarily suspend such specific DEQ rules as the Director determines to be necessary in order to expedite DEQ approved operations in response to the storm damage and to protect public health, safety and the environment during those operations.

The Director of DEQ shall consult with the Governor's Natural Resources Office prior to issuing any order temporarily suspending a DEQ rule pursuant to the authority provided in this order. The Director of DEQ shall provide a written report to the Governor's Natural Resources Office and to the Environmental Quality Commission concerning the nature and basis or any order issued pursuant to this order.

The authority delegated by this order will automatically terminate January 31, 2008, unless otherwise extended or terminated by supplemental order.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.



  
Theodore R. Kulongoski  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
Bill Bradbury  
SECRETARY OF STATE