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IN THE OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF STATE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

NUMBER 15 (2000)

Executive Order Regarding Team Permitting

WHEREAS, the State Government Accountability Council within the Office of Statewide Performance Review has submitted its preliminary report as required under paragraph 5 of Executive Order Number 7 (1999); and

WHEREAS, the report of the State Government Accountability Council contained recommendations worthy of implementation, including one to develop a team approach to environmental permitting, licensing and rulemaking to increase the coordination, consistency and efficiency of those processes; and

WHEREAS, the Council has found that the current system involves certain duplicative and unnecessary permitting, licensing and other documentation or reporting requirements that impose unnecessary costs on the regulated community that impede economic growth without providing commensurate environmental protection benefits or any increase or improvement in citizens' right to access information to evaluate the relationship between economic growth and environmental impact; and

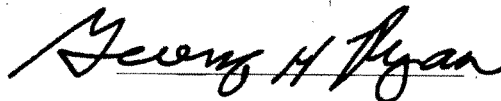
WHEREAS, additional study and consideration by the various state agencies involved in energy and natural resource regulation are necessary to assess the scope of duplication and overlap to most effectively address the recommendation without diluting important environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order the Governor created the Environment and Natural Resource Leadership Cabinet (Leadership Cabinet), the members of which have jurisdiction over and ready access to the information needed to assess the implications associated with implementation of this recommendation;

THEREFORE, I, GEORGE H. RYAN, hereby order the following:

1. Each member of the Leadership Cabinet shall assure that the Department or Agency over which s/he has jurisdiction shall:
 - a. Identify and briefly describe each permit, license, or documentation that the Agency requires the regulated community to obtain;
 - b. Identify and briefly describe each report that the Agency requires the regulated community to compile and file;
 - c. State the statutory and/or regulatory basis for each such permit, license, document or report;
 - d. Indicate whether the permit, license, document or report is required pursuant to federal law or regulation, and if so, give title and citation of such federal law or regulation;
 - e. Provide an analysis of whether the permitting, licensing, documentation or reporting requirements of the Agency are identical to the federal requirements; if not a summary of the differences and the environmental benefits of such differences;

- f. Identify each regulation, to the extent possible, within the time period provided, which imposes a requirement on the regulated community that is not required by or exceeds federal law or regulation, and the environmental benefits of such regulation.
2. Each member of the Leadership Cabinet shall submit his/her individual Agency report to the Governor's Senior Advisor for Environment and Natural Resources by December 31, 2000.
3. Each member of the Leadership Cabinet shall cooperate in the compilation of a joint report which, in addition to the above findings, shall:
 - a. Identify and compare those permits, licenses, documents or reports that address or include identical and/or similar operations, requirements or information requests;
 - b. Analyze the potential for program consolidation and/or elimination for any such duplicative or similar permit, license, document, report or requirement. If the finding is that consolidation or elimination is not possible, the Natural Resource joint report shall describe the impediments to such programmatic changes and the environmental benefits attained by maintaining separate programs;
 - c. Benchmark the scope and number of distinct permits and reports required by Illinois in comparison to other States, to the extent possible within the study's parameters and time frames; and
 - d. Recommend those specific permit, license, documentation and reporting requirements to be modified, consolidated or eliminated, the steps necessary to achieve such programmatic changes, and the Agency to be responsible for successor permits, licenses, documents or reports.
4. The Governor's Senior Advisor for Environment and Natural Resources shall, by December 31, 2001, assure that a final report is prepared covering the findings of the above-required research.
5. The findings shall be developed as a report and shall be submitted to the Office of Statewide Performance Review. Further, the report shall be submitted to the Governor for review and consideration. The Senior Advisor to the Governor for Environment and Natural Resources shall work with the respective agencies to develop and implement programmatic change by means of legislation, regulation or policy directive as is appropriate.
6. This Executive Order Number 15 shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.



GEORGE H. RYAN
Governor

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