

THE GOVERNOR

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Amendment to Proclamation

August 9, 2002

Whereas, on February 12, 2002, I declared a state of drought and water shortage emergency in twenty-four counties of the Commonwealth due to a long and continuing period of rainfall deficits and a lack of winter snow accumulation which resulted in abnormally low stream flows, reduced groundwater levels and water supply shortages within those counties; and

Whereas, on May 7, 2002, I renewed the Declaration of Drought Emergency for ninety days in twenty counties of the Commonwealth due to insufficient amounts of rainfall to replenish the groundwater levels or return overall water supplies to their normal levels within those twenty counties; and

Whereas, since the May 7, 2002, renewal of the Declaration of Drought Emergency, there have been insufficient amounts of rainfall in Adams, Bedford, Berks, Chester, Cumberland, Delaware, Franklin, Fulton, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Northampton, Schuylkill and York Counties to replenish the groundwater levels or return overall water supplies to their normal levels within those fourteen counties; and

Whereas, the present drought and water shortage conditions are expected to continue or worsen within all or most of those fourteen counties during the next sixty to ninety day period of time; and

Whereas, my Proclamation of Drought Emergency renewal of May 7, 2002, will automatically expire on August 10, 2002, unless renewed by this Amendment.

Now Therefore, I, Mark S. Schweiker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S. Section 7101 et seq.), do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Proclamation of Drought Emergency of February 12, 2002, is renewed for a period of ninety days starting on August 11, 2002, and shall continue to apply to the following counties: Adams, Bedford, Berks, Chester, Cumberland, Delaware, Franklin, Fulton, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Northampton, Schuylkill, and York.

2. All of the authorized actions by state agencies and departments, regulations, water-use restrictions, and other terms, conditions, and provisions of the February 12, 2002, Declaration of Drought Emergency shall continue in full force and effect in the fourteen counties that remain in the designated drought emergency area until either rescinded by me or terminated by law.

3. This Proclamation amendment shall take effect immediately.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, this ninth day of August in the year of our Lord, two thousand and two and of the Commonwealth, the two-hundred and twenty-seventh.



Governor

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