

THE GOVERNOR

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Amendment to Proclamation

November 7, 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, and August 9, 2002, I renewed the Declaration of Drought Emergency for ninety days in several 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 several counties; and

Whereas, on September 5, 2002, five counties were added to the Declaration of Drought Emergency; and

Whereas, since the date of renewal of the Declaration of Drought Emergency, there have continued to be insufficient amounts of rainfall in Cumberland, Chester and Delaware Counties to replenish the groundwater levels or return overall water supplies to their normal levels within those three counties; and

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

Whereas, my Proclamation of Drought Emergency renewal of August 9, 2002, will automatically expire on November 8, 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 and shall continue to apply to the following counties: Chester, Cumberland and Delaware.

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in full force and effect in the three counties that remain in the designated drought emergency area until either rescinded by me or terminated by law.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 in the City of Harrisburg on this seventh day of November 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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