

EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION ORDER
E.R.O. No. 2011-1

324.99921 Abolishment of department of natural resources and environment; creation of department of natural resources; transfer of natural resources commission from department of natural resources and environment to department of natural resources by type II transfer; appointment of director of department of natural resources by governor; transfer of certain powers and duties from department of natural resources and environment to department of natural resources by type II transfer; transfer of certain commissions, boards, and authorities from department of natural resources and environment to department of natural resources by type I transfer; creation of department of environmental quality; appointment of director of department of environmental quality by governor; transfer of certain powers and duties from department of natural resources and environment to department of environmental quality by type II transfer; transfer of certain offices and authorities from department of natural resources and environment to department of environmental quality by type I transfer; effect of executive reorganization order on certain public acts.

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the State of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 empowers the Governor to make changes in the organization of the executive branch or in the assignment of functions among its units that the Governor considers necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 provides that each principal department of state government shall be under the supervision of the Governor, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Section 52 of Article IV of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 declares the conservation and development of the natural resources of this state to be of paramount public concern in the interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the people; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary in the interests of efficient administration and effectiveness of government to change the organization of the executive branch of state government by dividing the functions of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment between two newly created departments;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Snyder, Governor of the state of Michigan, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, order the following:

I. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Order:

A. "Civil Service Commission" means the commission required under Section 5 of Article XI of the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

B. "Department of Environmental Quality" means the principal department of state government created under Section IV of this Order.

C. "Department of Technology Management and Budget" means the principal department of state government created under Section 121 of The Management and Budget Act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1121, as amended by Executive Order 2001-3 and Executive Order 2009-55.

D. "Department of Natural Resources" means the principal department of state government created under Section III of this Order.

E. "Department of Natural Resources and Environment" or "Department" means the principal department of state government created under Section II of Executive Order 2009-45.

F. "Department of Treasury" means the principal department of state government created under Section 75 of the Executive Organization Act of 1965, 1965 PA 380, MCL 16.175.

G. "Environmental Science Review Boards" means the boards provided for under Section II.C. of Executive Order 2009-45.

H. "Natural Resources Commission" means the commission provided for under Section II.B. of Executive Order 2009-45.

I. "State Budget Director" means the individual appointed by the Governor pursuant to Section 321 of The Management and Budget Act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1321.

J. "Type I transfer" means that phrase as defined in Section 3 of the Executive Organization Act of 1965,

1965 PA 380, MCL 16.103.

K. "Type II transfer" means that phrase as defined in Section 3 of the Executive Organization Act of 1965, 1965 PA 380, MCL 16.103.

L. "Type III transfer" means that phrase as defined in Section 3 of the Executive Organization Act of 1965, 1965 PA 380, MCL 16.103.

II. ABOLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

A. The Department of Natural Resources and Environment created by Section II of Executive Order 2009-45 is abolished.

B. The powers, duties, functions, responsibilities, personnel, equipment, and unexpended appropriations of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment are transferred as provided in this Order.

III. CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

A. Establishment of the Department of Natural Resources as a Principal Department in the Executive Branch

1. The Department of Natural Resources is created as a principal department in the executive branch. The Department shall protect, conserve and manage the natural resources of this state.

2. The Director of the Department of Natural Resources shall be the head of the Department.

B. Natural Resources Commission

1. The Natural Resources Commission is transferred by Type II transfer from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment to the Department of Natural Resources. This paragraph does not affect the continued service or terms of office of the current members of the Natural Resources Commission.

2. The Governor shall designate a member of the Natural Resources Commission to serve as its Chairperson at the pleasure of the Governor. The Commission may select a member of the Commission to serve as Vice-Chairperson of the Commission.

3. The Natural Resources Commission shall have and continue to exercise the authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities previously vested in it under all of the following:

a. Part 435 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43501 to 324.43561.

b. Section 40111a of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.40111a.

c. Section 40113a of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.40113a.

4. The Natural Resources Commission shall utilize administrative law judges and hearing officers employed by the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules created by Executive Order 2005-1, MCL 445.2021, to conduct contested case hearings and to issue proposals for decisions as provided by law or rule.

5. The Natural Resources Commission shall advise the Director of the Department of Natural Resources on matters related to natural resources and conservation and may perform additional duties as provided by this Order, other law, or as requested by the Governor.

6. Members of the Natural Resources Commission shall serve without compensation. Members of the Commission may receive reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses consistent with relevant statutes and the rules and procedures of the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Technology Management and Budget, subject to available funding.

C. Director of the Department of Natural Resources

1. The Director of the Department of Natural Resources shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

2. The Director of the Department of Natural Resources shall establish the internal organization of the Department and allocate and reallocate duties and functions to promote economic and efficient administration and operation of the Department. The Director of the Department of Natural Resources shall supervise the staff of the Department and shall be responsible for its day-to-day operations.

3. The Director of the Department of Natural Resources may promulgate rules as may be necessary to carry out functions vested in the Director under this Order or other law in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

4. The Director of the Department of Natural Resources shall utilize administrative law judges and hearing officers employed by the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules created by Executive Order 2005-1, MCL 445.2021, to conduct contested case hearings and to issue proposals for decisions as provided by law or rule.

5. The position of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment as a member or

chairperson of all of the following boards or commissions is transferred to the Director of the Department of Natural Resources:

- a. Ex officio member of the Michigan Historical Commission under Section 1 of the Michigan Historical Commission Act, 1913 PA 271, MCL 399.1.
- b. Member of the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission under Section 3 of the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission Act, 1998 PA 409, MCL 399.83.
- c. Ex officio member of the Michigan Public Safety Communications System Advisory Board created under Executive Order 2005-8.
- d. Member and Chairperson of the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 created by Executive Order 2007-51.
- e. Non-voting member of the Complete Streets Advisory Council, 2010 PA 135, MCL 247.660p(6)(q).

D. Transfers from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment to the Department of Natural Resources

1. Except as otherwise provided in this Order, all of the authority, powers, duties, functions, responsibilities, personnel, equipment, property, and unexpended appropriations of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment that were transferred to it from the former Department of Natural Resources by Executive Order 2009-45, are transferred by Type II transfer to the Department of Natural Resources, including, but not limited to, the authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities under all of the following:

- a. 1974 PA 359, MCL 3.901 to 3.910 ("Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore").
- b. The Executive Organization Act of 1965, 1965 PA 380, MCL 16.350 to 16.360.
- c. The Property Rights Preservation Act, 1996 PA 101, MCL 24.421 to 24.425.
- d. Section 4c of 1913 PA 172, MCL 32.224c ("Crawford County land").
- e. Section 48 of the State Employees' Retirement Act, 1943 PA 240, MCL 38.48.
- f. Section 8b of the Township and Village Public Improvement and Public Service Act, 1923 PA 116, MCL 41.418b.
- g. Section 26 of The Home Rule Village Act, 1909 PA 278, MCL 78.26.
- h. Section 10 of 1957 PA 185, MCL 123.740 ("county department and board of public works").
- i. 1990 PA 182, MCL 141.1301 to 141.1304 ("county redistribution of federal payments").
- j. Sections 7g and 7jj of The General Property Tax Act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7g and MCL 211.7jj.
- k. 1943 PA 92, MCL 211.371 to 211.375 ("withholding lands from sale").
- l. Section 18 of 1909 PA 283, MCL 224.18 ("public highways and private roads").
- m. Sections 3 and 4 of 1927 PA 341, MCL 247.43 and 247.44 ("discontinuation of highway bordering lake or stream").
- n. Section 4 of 1941 PA 359, MCL 247.64 ("noxious weeds").
- o. Sections 602a and 660 of the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.602a and 257.660.
- p. Section 4 of the Michigan Aquaculture Development Act, 1996 PA 199, MCL 286.874.
- q. 1976 PA 308, MCL 287.251 to 287.258 ("disposal of livestock").
- r. Section 14 of the Animal Industry Act, 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.714.
- s. Privately Owned Cervidae Producers Marketing Act, 2000 PA 190, MCL 287.951 to 287.969.
- t. 1986 PA 109, MCL 300.21 to 300.22 ("conservation officers").
- u. The Right to Forest Act, 2002 PA 676, MCL 320.2031 to 320.2036.
- v. The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.101 to 324.90106.
- w. The Clean Michigan Initiative Act, 1998 PA 284, MCL 324.95101 to 324.95108.
- x. 2008 PA 290, MCL 324.95151 to 324.95155 ("control of gray wolves").
- y. 2008 PA 318, MCL 324.95161 to 324.95167 ("removal, capture, or lethal control of gray wolf").
- z. The Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps Act, 1984 PA 22, MCL 409.301 to 409.314.
- aa. Sections 167a and 167c of The Michigan Penal Code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.167a and 750.167c.
- bb. Section 7 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 1998 PA 138, MCL 29.477.
- cc. Executive Order 1973-2, MCL 299.11.
- dd. Executive Order 1973-12, MCL 125.241.
- ee. Executive Order 1988-4, MCL 299.12.
- ff. Executive Order 1991-31, MCL 299.13.
- gg. Executive Order 1995-7, MCL 324.99901.
- hh. Executive Order 2004-3, MCL 287.981.
- ii. Executive Order 2007-14, MCL 324.99910.
- jj. Executive Order 2009-14, MCL 324.99916.

kk. Executive Order 2009-15, MCL 324.99917.

2. **Mackinac Island State Park Commission.** The Mackinac Island State Park Commission provided for under 1958 PA 201, MCL 318.201 to 318.208, transferred under Section 256 of the Executive Organization Act of 1965, 1965 PA 380, MCL 16.356, and created by Section 76503 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.76503, transferred to the Department of Natural Resources under Executive Order 2009-36, and transferred to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment by Executive Order 2009-45, is transferred by Type I transfer to the Department of Natural Resources. This transfer includes, but is not limited to, the authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Commission under all of the following:

a. Sections 76501 to 76509, 76701 to 76709, 76901 to 76903, 77101, 77301, 77302, 77701 to 77704, and 77901 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.76501 to 324.76509, 324.76701 to 324.76709, 324.76901 to 324.76903, 324.77101, 324.77301, 324.77302, 324.77701 to 324.77704, and 324.77901.

b. Section 511 of the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998, 58 PA 1998, MCL 436.1511.

3. **Michigan Forest Finance Authority.** The Michigan Forest Finance Authority created under Section 50503 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.50503, and transferred to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment by Executive Order 2009-45, is transferred by Type I transfer to the Department of Natural Resources. The position of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment or his or her designee from within that Department as a member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Forest Finance Authority under Section 50504 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.50504, is transferred to the Director of the Department of Natural Resources or his or her designee from within that Department.

4. **Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board.** The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board, created under Section 1905 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.1905, and transferred to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment by Executive Order 2009-45, is transferred by Type I transfer to the Department of Natural Resources. The position of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment as a member of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board under Section 1905 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.1905, is transferred to the Director of the Department of Natural Resources or his or her designee from within the Department, including, but not limited to, a member of the Natural Resources Commission.

IV. CREATION OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

A. Establishment of the Department of Environmental Quality as a Principal Department in the Executive Branch

1. The Department of Environmental Quality is created as a principal department in the executive branch. The Department shall protect the environment of this state.

2. The head of the Department of Environmental Quality shall be the director, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

B. Director of the Department of Environmental Quality

1. The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall establish the internal organization of the Department and allocate and reallocate duties and functions to promote economic and efficient administration and operation of the Department. The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall supervise the staff of the Department and shall be responsible for its day-to-day operations.

2. The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality may promulgate rules as may be necessary to carry out functions vested in the Director under this Order or other law in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

3. The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall utilize administrative law judges and hearing officers employed by the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules created by Executive Order 2005-1, MCL 445.2021, to conduct contested case hearings and to issue proposals for decisions as provided by law or rule.

4. The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality may from time to time create one or more environmental science review boards to advise the Department of Environmental Quality and the Governor on scientific issues affecting the protection and management of Michigan's environment and natural resources, or affecting a program administered by the Department of Environmental Quality.

5. The position of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment as a member or chairperson of all of the following boards or commissions is transferred to the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality:

a. Member of the Michigan Supply Chain Management Development Commission created within the Department of Treasury under Section 3 of 2008 PA 398, MCL 125.1893. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize the use of state funds for the operations of the Michigan Supply Chain Management Development Commission.

b. Member and Chairperson of the Brownfield Redevelopment Board created under Section 20104a of the Natural Resources and Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20104a, as modified by Executive Order 2003-18, MCL 445.2011, and Executive Order 2006-13, MCL 125.1991.

c. Ex officio member of the State Plumbing Board created within the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth under Section 13 of the State Plumbing Act, 2002 PA 733, MCL 338.3523.

d. Member of the Michigan Homeland Protection Board created within the Department of State Police under Executive Order 2003-6.

e. Member of the Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council created within the Department of State Police under Executive Order 2007-18.

f. Member of the Great Lakes Wind Council created within the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth under Executive Order 2009-1.

C. Transfers from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment to the Department of Environmental Quality

1. Except as otherwise provided in this Order, all of the authority, powers, duties, functions, responsibilities, personnel, equipment, and unexpended appropriations of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment that were transferred to it from the former Department of Environmental Quality by Executive Order 2009-45, are transferred by Type II transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality, including, but not limited to, the authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities under all of the following:

a. Sections 2b and 2d of 1855 PA 105, MCL 21.142b and 21.142d ("surplus funds in treasury").

b. The Property Rights Preservation Act, 1996 PA 101, MCL 24.421 to 24.425.

c. The Fire Prevention Code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.1 to 29.34.

d. The Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 1998 PA 138, MCL 29.472 to 29.480.

e. Section 8a of the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.508a.

f. Sections 7, 9, and 10 of the Land Bank Fast Track Act, 2003 PA 258, MCL 124.757, 124.759, and 124.760.

g. Section 10 of the Water Resource Improvement Tax Increment Finance Authority Act, 2008 PA 94, MCL 125.1780.

h. The Mobile Home Commission Act, 1987 PA 96, MCL 125.2301 to 125.2349.

i. The Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, 1996 PA 381, MCL 125.2651 to 125.2672.

j. The Safe Drinking Water Financial Assistance Act, 2000 PA 147, MCL 141.1451 to 141.1455.

k. Section 437 of the Michigan Business Tax Act, 2007 PA 436, MCL 208.1437.

l. Sections 9, 24, 34c, 34d, 53, 78g, and 78m of The General Property Tax Act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9, 211.24, 211.34c, 211.34d, 211.53, 211.78g, and 211.78m.

m. Section 4 of 1951 PA 77, MCL 211.624 ("tax on low grade iron ore").

n. Sections 5 to 8 of 1963 PA 68, MCL 207.275 to 207.278 ("iron ore tax").

o. Section 811i of the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.811i.

p. Section 204 of the Aeronautics Code of the State of Michigan, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.204.

q. Section 423 of The Drain Code of 1956, 1956 PA 40, MCL 280.423.

r. Section 3 of the Julian-Stille Value-Added Act, 2000 PA 322, MCL 285.303.

s. Section 3 of 2008 PA 330, MCL 285.343 ("publication of information establishing alternative fuels facilities").

t. Section 4 of the Michigan Right to Farm Act, 1981 PA 93, MCL 286.474.

u. Section 14 of the Animal Industry Act, 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.714.

v. Sections 3, 6, 7, and 14 of the Privately Owned Cervidae Producers Marketing Act, 2000 PA 190, MCL 287.953, 287.956, 287.957, and 287.964.

w. Section 20 of the Grade A Milk Law of 2001, 2001 PA 266, MCL 288.490.

x. Sections 2 and 4 of the Michigan Agricultural Processing Act, 1998 PA 381, MCL 289.822 and 289.824.

y. Section 7107 of the Food Law of 2000, 2000 PA 92, MCL 289.7107.

z. Sections 9j and 10d of the Motor Fuels Quality Act, 1984 PA 44, MCL 290.649j and 290.650d.

aa. The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.101 to 324.90106.

bb. The Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, MCL 325.1001 to 325.1023.

cc. Sections 9601, 12103, 12501 to 12563, 12701 to 12771, 13501 to 13536, 13716, 13801 to 13831, and 16631 of the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.9601, 333.12103, 333.12501 to 333.12563, 333.12701 to 333.12771, 333.13501 to 333.13536, 333.13716, 333.13801 to 333.13831, and 333.16631.

dd. The Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority Act, 1987 PA 204, MCL 333.26201 to 333.26226.

ee. Section 3f of 1976 Initiated Law 1, MCL 445.573f ("beverage containers").

ff. Sections 27 and 77 of the Clean, Renewable, and Efficient Energy Act, 2008 PA 295, MCL 460.1027 and 460.1077.

gg. Sections 71 and 71a of the Condominium Act, 1978 PA 59, MCL 559.171 and 559.171a.

hh. Sections 105, 116 to 118, 194, and 254 of the Land Division Act, 1967 PA 288, MCL 560.105, 560.116 to 560.118, 560.194, and 560.254.

ii. Executive Order 1995-18, MCL 324.99903.

jj. Executive Order 1996-1, MCL 330.3101.

kk. Executive Order 1996-2, MCL 445.2001.

ll. Executive Order 1997-2, MCL 29.451.

mm. Executive Order 1997-3, MCL 324.99904.

nn. Executive Order 1998-2, MCL 29.461.

oo. Executive Order 2007-6, MCL 324.99905.

pp. Executive Order 2007-7, MCL 324.99906.

qq. Executive Order 2007-8, MCL 324.99907.

rr. Executive Order 2007-10, MCL 324.99908.

ss. Executive Order 2007-13, MCL 324.99909.

tt. Executive Order 2007-21, MCL 324.99911.

uu. Executive Order 2007-29, MCL 324.99912.

vv. Executive Order 2007-33, MCL 324.99913.

ww. Executive Order 2007-34, MCL 324.99914.

xx. Executive Order 2009-13, MCL 324.99915.

yy. Executive Order 2009-17, MCL 333.26365.

zz. Executive Order 2009-26, MCL 324.99918.

aaa. Executive Order 2009-28, MCL 333.26367.

bbb. Section 7 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 1998 PA 138, MCL 29.477.

ccc. The Great Lakes Water Quality Bond Authorization Act, 2002 PA 396, MCL 324.95201 to 324.95208, to the extent that functions under or related to that act are currently performed by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

2. Office of the Great Lakes. The Office of the Great Lakes created under Section 32903 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.32903, subsequently transferred to the Department of Environmental Quality by Executive Order 1995-18, MCL 324.99903, and transferred by Type I transfer to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment by Executive Order 2009-45, is transferred by Type I transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality. The Director of the Office of the Great Lakes shall continue to serve as a member of the Governor's Cabinet.

3. Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority. The Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority, created within the Department of Management and Budget under Section 3 of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority Act, 1987 PA 204, MCL 333.26203, transferred to the Department of Commerce under Executive Order 1991-23, MCL 333.26251, and to the Department of Environmental Quality under Executive Order 1996-2, MCL 445.2001, and transferred to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment by Executive Order 2009-45, is transferred by Type I transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality.

V. MISCELLANEOUS TRANSFERS

A. References to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment in the following public acts adopted since Executive Order 2009-45 became effective shall be to the Department of Natural Resources created by this Order:

1. 2010 PA 35
2. 2010 PA 46
3. 2010 PA 70

B. References to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment in the following public acts adopted since Executive Order 2009-45 became effective shall be to the Department of Environmental Quality created by this Order:

1. 2010 PA 229
2. 2010 PA 231

3. 2010 PA 232

VI. IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSFERS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

A. The Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment shall immediately initiate coordination with departments and agencies within the executive branch of state government to facilitate the transfers made under this Order. State departments and agencies shall actively cooperate with the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment as the Director performs duties and functions relating to the implementation of this Order. Except as otherwise provided in this Order, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment shall provide executive direction and supervision for the implementation of the transfers made by this Order.

B. The Director of the Department of Natural Resources shall administer the assigned functions transferred to that Department under this Order in such ways as to promote efficient administration and shall make internal organizational changes as may be administratively necessary to complete the realignment of responsibilities under this Order.

C. The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall administer the assigned functions transferred to that Department under this Order in such ways as to promote efficient administration and shall make internal organizational changes as may be administratively necessary to complete the realignment of responsibilities under this Order.

D. Any records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds used, held, employed, available, or to be made available to any entity for the authority, activities, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities transferred by this Order are transferred to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality along with the transferred functions.

E. The State Budget Director shall determine and authorize the most efficient manner possible for handling financial transactions and records in this state's financial management system necessary to implement this Order.

F. Any suit, action, or other proceeding lawfully commenced by, against, or before any entity affected by this Order shall not abate by reason of the taking effect of this Order. Any suit, action, or other proceeding may be maintained by, against, or before the appropriate successor of any entity affected by this Order.

G. All rules, regulations, orders, contracts, and agreements relating to the functions transferred under this Order lawfully adopted prior to the effective date of this Order shall continue to be effective until revised, amended, repealed, or rescinded.

H. This Order shall not abate any criminal action commenced by this state prior to the effective date of this Order.

I. The invalidity of any portion of this Order shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Order, which may be given effect without any invalid portion. Any portion of this Order found invalid by a court or other entity with proper jurisdiction shall be severable from the remaining portions of this Order.

This Executive Order shall become effective on March 13, 2011, consistent with Section 2 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

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Compiler's note: Executive Reorganization Order No. 2011-1 was promulgated January 4, 2011 as Executive Order No. 2011-1, Eff. March 13, 2011.

In section IV(C)(k), the citation to "2007 PA 436" evidently should read "2007 PA 36".

For transfer of office of the Great Lakes from department of environmental quality to department of natural resources, see E.R.O. No. 2017-5, compiled at MCL 324.99922.

For the renaming of the department of environmental quality to the department of environment, Great Lakes and energy, see E.R.O. 2019-1, compiled at 324.99923.