

# STATE of MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE



DEPARTMENT

**TIM PAWLENTY**  
**GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 03-12**  
**PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT**  
**OF A GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON**  
**MINNESOTA'S MINING FUTURE**

**I, TIM PAWLENTY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

**WHEREAS**, mining is an important industry to the northeast region of the state and the state as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the mining of minerals strengthens the state's economy, provides employment opportunities, and adds value to the state's natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, a strong and competitive mining and minerals industry is an important component to providing a sustainable economy in northeastern Minnesota and the state as a whole;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I hereby order that:

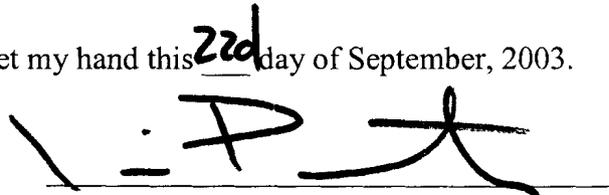
1. A Governor's Committee on Minnesota's Mining Future be established to advise the Governor in relation to the strengthening and development of a sustainable mining and minerals industry in Minnesota.
2. The Council shall also:
  - a. Serve as a forum for discussion and evaluation of Minnesota's governmental policies that affect the mining and minerals industry including, but not limited to, regulations, royalties, taxation, development incentives and financing for minerals projects, environmental stewardship, and permitting;

- b. Develop and provide advice on public policy strategies aimed at enhancing the growth of the mining and minerals industry, retaining and creating mining-related employment, sustaining the viability of Minnesota's mining and minerals industry in the global marketplace, promoting innovation and the development of new technologies;
    - c. Serve as an advisor and catalyst for the development of partnerships between industry, institutions, funding groups, state and federal government resources, and other entities; and
  3. The Committee shall have up to fifteen (15) members appointed by the Governor including:
    - (a) Commissioner of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Agency ("IRRRA"), or designee;
    - (b) Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, or designee;
    - (c) Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, or designee;
    - (d) Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, or designee;
    - (e) Individuals representing each of Minnesota's United States Senators and the United States Representative for Minnesota's Eighth Congressional District;
    - (f) Eight public members including individuals with experience in the mining industry, unions representing mining workers, and/or other relevant business, leadership and economic development experience.
  4. The Commissioner of the IRRRA and a public member selected by the Governor will serve as co-chairs for the Committee. Committee members will serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
  5. The IRRRA will provide staff and administrative support to the Committee, assisted as needed by the staff from other state agencies including the Department of Natural Resources, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Department of Employment and Economic Development.
  6. Committee members will not receive per diem, but may be paid for expenses in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 15.0593.
  7. The Committee will provide the Governor with its initial recommendations no later than June 1, 2004. This Order will be reviewed each year by the Governor, in consultation with the affected agency or agencies, in order to assess the progress of the Committee and determine whether the continued existence of the Committee is needed.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Order will be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of

State and will remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or until it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 4.035, subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 22<sup>d</sup> day of September, 2003.

  
TIM PAWLENTY  
Governor

Filed According to Law:

  
MARY KIFFMEYER  
Secretary of State

