

EXECUTIVE ORDER 83-09

ESTABLISHING A STATE-LEVEL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM AND A GOVERNOR'S HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY BOARD

This administration recognizes that the manufacture, use, and transportation of hazardous materials pose a continuing risk to life, property, and the environment of Washington State. State, local, and Federal government agencies and the private sector must cooperate fully in efforts to achieve and maintain a readiness to respond to hazardous materials incidents.

While local governments bear the primary responsibility for emergency response to hazardous materials incidents, there is a need for a comprehensive emergency preparedness program to ensure an integrated and coordinated response capability among all levels of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Spellman, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby order and direct that:

- A. A comprehensive capability to respond to incidents involving hazardous materials be established at the state level for the purpose of supporting responses by local government to emergencies involving hazardous materials;
- B. The Department of Emergency Services secure from the relevant state agencies an Interagency Memorandum of Agreement; the Agreement shall describe the emergency preparedness program and shall be utilized for implementation purposes;
- C. The Department of Emergency Services shall coordinate the activities necessary to develop and maintain a comprehensive emergency preparedness program and a contingency plan for coordinating the management of the emergency aspects of an incident;
- D. The Department of Emergency Services shall also include, as a part of its emergency planning and preparedness program, a state-wide one-number telephone notification system for the reporting of hazardous materials incidents;
- E. Each state agency shall maintain such plans, policies, and procedures necessary to deal with a hazardous materials incident.
- F. A Governor's Hazardous Materials Advisory Board be established by gubernatorial appointment. The Board shall be composed of representatives of state agencies, the private sector, concerned local government associations, and appropriate Federal response agencies. The Director, Department of Emergency Services shall serve as Chair. The function of the Advisory Board shall be to:
 1. Provide a multi-organizational forum for the exchange of ideas and perspectives of state and local governments and the private sector regarding hazardous materials incident mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

2. Review local, state, and Federal laws and regulations and recommend reforms which will reduce unnecessary burdens on commerce without endangering the public or the environment;
3. Review the findings and recommendations of the Puget Sound Council of Governments' Hazardous Materials Transportation Study for feasibility and implementation;
4. Determine the feasibility of conducting an integrated hazardous materials incidents training program which would include all levels of government and the private sector;
5. Propose necessary legislation to the Governor which would mitigate hazardous materials incidents risks to the public and enhance a state-wide hazardous materials incident preparedness, response and recovery program;
6. Provide other guidance necessary toward the development of a comprehensive hazardous materials preparedness program.

Executive Order [80-10](#) is hereby rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the seal of the State
of Washington to be affixed at Olympia
this 30th day of June A.D., Nineteen hundred and eighty-three.

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By:

JOHN SPELLMAN
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State