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Memorandum

DATE: August 12, 2004

TO: All Commissioners

FROM: Tim Pawlenty, Governor

RE: *Executive Order 04-08 - Providing For State Departments to Take Actions to Reduce Air Pollution in Daily Operations*

Last week I signed an Executive Order that requires state departments to take action to reduce air pollution in their daily operations. The actions are consistent with the recommendations of Clean Air Minnesota (CAM). CAM is a partnership between our businesses and environmental groups to encourage voluntary actions to make our air cleaner. Last year, I enthusiastically supported the kick-off of the CAM effort, and promised that state government would support and participate in CAM's success.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has developed and piloted actions last summer to reduce air pollution from its daily activities. With this executive order I now ask our other state departments to take similar sensible steps to reduce air pollution from their daily business activities.

CAM promotes voluntary actions to reduce air pollution in the Twin Cities and throughout the state. Program partners include: Ford Motor Company, Best Buy, Andersen Corporation, Xcel Energy, the University of Minnesota, Hennepin County, the City of Minneapolis, the Izaak Walton League and many others. All CAM partners commit to taking actions in their daily operations to reduce air pollution. As a large employer, the state departments will now take similar actions.

I have enclosed a copy of my Executive Order, which focuses on two main tasks:

- each department will be responsible for notifying its own staff about the MPCA's air pollution e-alerts and provide education to staff at least twice a year
- each department will implement two air pollution-prevention actions, which must be selected in the next 30 days.

As a first step, I ask each department to appoint a staff person to be responsible for following up on my Order and seeing that it is carried out. That person should contact Ned Brooks at the MPCA (651) 296-7242 for information on how to take the actions required.

Encl: Executive Order 04-08