

By virtue of my authority as Chairman, I certify that the Executive Order has been considered and approved by the Committee.

Sincerely,
James S. McAuliffe, Jr.
Chairman

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF DECEMBER 12, 1973

ENERGY CRISIS - AIR QUALITY CONTROLS

WHEREAS, I, MARVIN MANDEL, Governor of the State of Maryland, did on November 14, 1973, proclaim that a state of emergency existed within the area constituting the entire State of Maryland by reason of an acute shortage in usable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, I further proclaimed that, in accordance with the procedures contained in Article 41, Section 15B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended by Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1973, Second Special Session, I would promulgate reasonable Orders, Rules and Regulations, as I deem necessary, to protect the public health, safety and welfare and to bring the emergency situation under control; and

WHEREAS, The State has undertaken a comprehensive program of air quality controls, including emission limitations and ambient air quality standards, which program constitutes the State's federally approved Implementation Plan under the Federal Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS, The acute shortage in usable energy resources seriously threatens the ability of various fuel users to obtain sufficient quantities of low sulphur or other fuels necessary for compliance with the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene has reported that, in light of the current emergency situation, present procedures for the granting of air quality control variances are unduly cumbersome and time-consuming, and, therefore, the Secretary has recommended the implementation of more expeditious procedures for the granting of such temporary variances as may be required by the current emergency situation; and