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

WHEREAS, extreme weather conditions and lack of snow cover have created freezing of septic systems over much of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, it is urgent that immediate action be taken to prevent danger to public health and to avoid further damage to septic systems; and

WHEREAS, seasonal load restrictions as described in Minn. Stat. § 169.87 are scheduled to go into effect imminently;

WHEREAS, these seasonal load restrictions will impair the removal of sewage from septic systems and will increase the harm caused by leakage and rupture of septic systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that a State of Emergency exists and order that vehicles used to pump sewage from septic systems or used to transport sewage from septic systems be exempted from the seasonal load restrictions on local and state highways and streets imposed in Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.87 (2002).

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.035, subd. 2, this Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until June 13, 2003.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 14th day of March, 2003.

TIM PAWLenty
Governor

Filed According to Law:

MARY KIFFMEYER
Secretary of State