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 22nd day of September, 2003.

TIM PAWLIENTY
Governor

Filed According to Law:

MARY KIFFMEYER
Secretary of State