Providing for Relief from Regulations to Certain Motor Carriers and Drivers Operating in Minnesota

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

Extreme winter weather conditions, specifically sub-zero temperatures for prolonged periods of time, have caused freezing of septic systems over much of Minnesota.

It is vital that action be taken to prevent the risk of endangerment to the health of septic system users and homeowners and to help avoid further damage to frozen septic systems.

The seasonal load restrictions, as described in Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.87, subdivisions 1 and 2 will go into effect on March 15, 2019 in the south, southeast and metro zones and will go into effect in the other portions of the state in the near future. These seasonal weight restrictions on roads in Minnesota will hamper the removal of sewage from septic systems and increase the harm caused by leakage and rupture of septic systems.

For these reasons, I order that:

A state of emergency exists in Minnesota, and vehicles used to pump or transport sewage from septic systems are exempted from the seasonal load restrictions on local and state highways and streets imposed by Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.87, subdivisions 1 and 2, while providing emergency septic system pumping services.

This Executive Order is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 4.035, subdivision 2. It will remain in effect until June 1, 2019.
Signed on March 14, 2019.

Tim Walz
Governor

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