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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Resource Committee Staff

RE: Executive Order No. 64

DATE: February 10, 1987

Executive Order No. 64 consolidates the division of mining and the division of geological and geophysical surveys into one agency, the Division of Mining and Geology, within the department of natural resources.

The new division will be under the direction of the "state geologist."

Sec. 41.08.015. State geologist. The commissioner of natural resources shall appoint the state geologist, who may be qualified by education and experience to direct the activities of the division.

Some concern has been expressed by mining interests, as to the direction of this new division.

STEVE COWPER
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
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March 6, 1987

The Honorable Jan Faiks
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Faiks:

I am today withdrawing Executive Order No. 64, which would have consolidated the Department of Natural Resources' division of mining and division of geological and geophysical surveys and named the consolidated unit the division of mining and geology.

The plan to merge the division of mining into the division of geological and geophysical surveys was conceived in response to the perceived efficiencies of the consolidation and the cost savings that would result. We have continued to analyze the possible benefits, detriments, and alternatives.

Since introducing the Order January 19, I have taken the opportunity to discuss the implications of the Order in greater detail with the new commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, members of the legislature, scientific and public policy organizations, and interested groups and individuals throughout the state.

These discussions, the information provided to my Administration, and this additional analysis have led me to a new understanding of the effects of the proposed consolidation. Any cost saving is an important factor in these times. However, the proper structure and the effectiveness of these resource agencies is an investment in Alaska's future. These two divisions can promote our resource development efforts and return dividends worth many times whatever cost saving was originally perceived. Each of the two divisions covered by Executive Order No. 64 has a necessary and distinct expertise which, I believe, can best be used by their continuing to function as separate divisions, thereby most effectively providing the necessary information and support to the state and to industry.

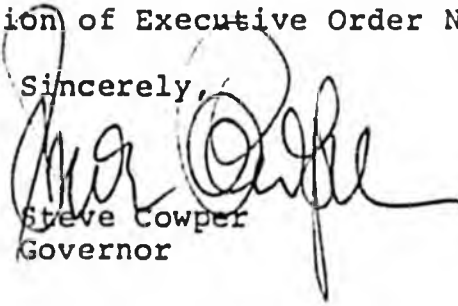
Hon. Jan Faiks

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I appreciate the favorable report of the Senate Resources Committee on this Order. 1987 Senate Journal, page 325. The thoughtful work of the committee has been helpful.

Thank you for your consideration of Executive Order No. 64.

Sincerely,

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Steve Cowper
Governor

Alaska State Legislature

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February 16, 1987

Senator Jan Faiks
Senate President
Capital Building, Rm 107
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Madam President:

After due consideration, the Senate Committee on Resources has no objection to the implementation of Executive Order No. 64.

However, grave concern has been expressed regarding the direction the new division will take. Recognizing the importance of both the advocacy and regulatory roles the Division of Mining currently fills, and the data base development and research roles the Division of Geology and Geophysical Surveys has, it is of concern that their respective functions not be paramount to the other.

Sincerely,

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Senator John B. Coghill
Chairman, Senate Resource Committee

EO. 64 Consolidating the functions of the division of geological and geophysical surveys and the division of mining in the Dept. of Natural Resources and to name the consolidation unit the division of mining and geology.

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FISCAL NOTE**

SENATE

Bill Version : EO 64

Publish Date : 1/19/87

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. : Exec. Order 64
 Title : Division of Mining and Geology

Sponsor : _____
 Requestor : Governor
 Date of Request : _____

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected : Natural Resources
 BRU : _____

Components : _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS :

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : Attach a separate page if necessary

The Executive Order changes the name of a consolidated division to the Division of Mining and Geology. Approximately \$200,000 was saved in FY 87 by consolidating two divisions. If the consolidation is not allowed by the Legislature, approximately \$200,000 in additional funds would be needed to operate two separate divisions.

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Approved by Commissioner : [Signature] Date : 11/24/86
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