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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Leman, Chair
Resources Committee

Senator Frank, Cochair
Senator Halford, Cochair
~~Finance Committee~~

FROM: Nancy Quinto
Secretary of the Senate

RE: Executive Order No. 92

The President has referred Executive Order No. 92 (transferring the duties in the Department of Natural Resources to consolidate the division of oil and gas and the division of geological and geophysical surveys into a division of oil, gas and geology in that department) to your committees.

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Attachment

Introduced in the House: 1/8/96

Referred: House Special Committee on Oil and Gas, Resources, Finance

Introduced in the Senate: 1/8/96

Referred: Resources, Finance

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 92

1 Under the authority of art. III, sec. 23, of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance with
2 AS 24.08.210, I order the following:

3 * Section 1. FINDINGS. As governor, I find that it would be in the best interests of
4 efficient administration to transfer duties in the Department of Natural Resources to
5 consolidate the division of oil and gas and the division of geological and geophysical surveys
6 into a division of oil, gas, and geology in that department. The transfer and consolidation
7 of these divisions and their functions will permit closer coordination within state government
8 regarding its mineral exploration policy.

9 * Sec. 2. AS 39.25.110(14) is amended to read:

10 (14) petroleum engineers and petroleum geologists employed in a
11 professional capacity by the Department of Natural Resources and by the Oil and Gas
12 Conservation Commission[, EXCEPT FOR THOSE EMPLOYED IN THE DIVISION
13 OF GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 NATURAL RESOURCES];

15 * Sec. 3. AS 41.08.010 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 41.08.010. DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND GEOLOGY
17 [GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS]. There is established in the
18 department a division of oil, gas, [GEOLOGICAL] and geology [GEOPHYSICAL
19 SURVEYS] under the direction of the state geologist.

20 * Sec. 4. AS 41.08.020(b) is amended to read:

21 (b) In addition, the division of oil, gas, [GEOLOGICAL] and geology
22 [GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS] shall:

23 (1) collect, record, evaluate, and distribute data on the quantity,
24 quality, and location of underground, surface, and coastal water of the state;

- 1 (2) publish or have published data on the water of the state;
- 2 (3) require the filing with it of the results and findings of surveys of
- 3 water quality, quantity, and location;
- 4 (4) require of water well contractors, the filing with it of basic water
- 5 and aquifer data normally obtained, including but not limited to well location,
- 6 estimated elevation, well driller's logs, pumping tests and flow measurements, and
- 7 water quality determinations;
- 8 (5) accept and spend funds for the purposes of this section,
- 9 AS 41.08.017, and 41.08.035 and enter into agreements with individuals, public or
- 10 private agencies, communities, private industry, state agencies, and agencies of the
- 11 federal government;
- 12 (6) collect, evaluate, and distribute geologic data on seismic events and
- 13 engineering geology of the state;
- 14 (7) identify potential seismic hazards that might affect development
- 15 in the state;
- 16 (8) inform public officials and industry about potential seismic hazards
- 17 that might affect development in the state.

18 * Sec. 5. TRANSITION. (a) Litigation, hearings, investigations, and other proceedings

19 pending under a law amended by this Order, or in connection with functions transferred by

20 this Order, continue in effect and may be continued and completed notwithstanding a transfer

21 or amendment provided for in this Order.

22 (b) Regulations adopted by the Department of Natural Resources that refer to the

23 division of oil and gas or the division of geological and geophysical surveys in that

24 department remain in effect and may be implemented and enforced until the department

25 makes changes to those regulations that reflect this Order.

26 (c) Contracts, rights, liabilities, and obligations created by or under a law amended

27 by this Order, and in effect on March 8, 1996, remain in effect notwithstanding this Order's

28 taking effect. Records, equipment, appropriations, and other property of agencies of the state

29 whose functions are transferred under this Order shall be transferred to implement the

30 provisions of this Order.

31 * Sec. 6. This Order takes effect March 9, 1996.

DATED:

Tony Knowles
Governor

FISCAL NOTE

No. 1
 Bill Version: HSCR 1
 (H) Publish Date: 2/5/96

STATE OF ALASKA 1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: Original Dept Affected: Natural Resources
 Title: Consolidation of DNR Divisions BRU: Resource Development
 Component: Oil & Gas Development
 Sponsor: Rules Committee Geological Development
 Requestor: Governor Knowles Component Serial No. 439/1031

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
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Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY96) cost: \$ none

POSITIONS

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Anticipated fiscal savings through consolidation of the Division of Oil & Gas with the Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys has been included in the Governor's FY97 operating budget. The Oil & Gas Development component shows an anticipated savings of \$25.0 in general fund, and the Geological Development component shows an anticipated savings of \$25.0 in general fund/program receipts.

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 Approved by Commissioner: ... Date: 4-Jan-96
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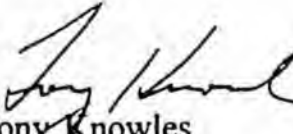
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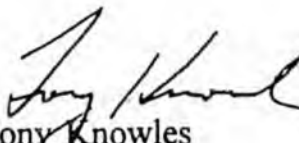
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