

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

EXECUTIVE ORDER W-131-96

WHEREAS, the regulatory process in state government should balance the need to protect public health, safety and the quality of life; and the desire to eliminate regulations that are unnecessary, defy common sense, and reduce California's economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 1995, I signed Executive Order W-127-95 which directed each State Agency to review existing regulations, identify those suitable for repeal and submit their recommendations to my office; and

WHEREAS, more than 3900 regulations were identified deserving repeal and more than 1700 were recommended for modification; and

WHEREAS, the competitiveness of California businesses would be enhanced by the removal and amendment of these regulations concurrent with a continuing review of state regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PETE WILSON, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby issue this order to become effective immediately;

1) All state agencies are directed to forward the regulations they submitted to my office for repeal or modification to the Office of Administrative Law by February 16 for appropriate action.

2) All Agency Secretaries are directed to appoint a senior member of their staff to the PHASE II: REGULATORY REVIEW Task Force which will be chaired by the Director of my Office of Planning and Research and which will:

a) Hold regional meetings throughout California to receive public testimony on additional regulatory reform;

b) Make specific recommendations following the public hearings, including amendment of the time requirements contained in all state permits and other changes as appropriate; and

c) Present their final recommendations to this office by June 1, 1996.

3) PHASE II: REGULATORY RELIEF will be accomplished through the use of existing resources. Agencies are to provide assistance, cooperation and necessary resources to my Office of Planning and Research in completing this project;

4) Participation of the citizens of California, and statewide organizations, is encouraged. Furthermore, I urge each fellow constitutional officer to support this review to achieve comprehensive state regulatory reform.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Great Seal of the State
of California to be affixed this 8th day
of February 1996.

Governor of California

ATTEST:

Secretary of State