STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10-2011

EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING AN OIL PIPELINE SAFETY REVIEW COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the State of Montana needs to act quickly to review the status of all oil pipelines underneath our State's rivers and streambeds in the wake of the July 1, 2011 oil spill into the Yellowstone River. Therefore, in accordance with section 2-15-122, MCA, I am establishing an Oil Pipeline Safety Review Council

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Council is to advise the Governor on the status of all existing oil pipelines running underneath Montana's rivers and streambeds. The Council will review all the documentation necessary to analyze and critique the safety of each pipeline and the standards required at the time of installation of each pipeline. The Council will assess the risk of ruptures and leaks in all sections of pipeline that cross Montana's rivers and streams. The review will gauge a variety of factors including each pipeline's age, thickness and corrosion, and the condition and operation of all shut-off valves. The Council will make recommendations to prevent any future failures that damage Montana's pristine rivers and streams.

II. COMPOSITION:

The Council will consist of the Directors of the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Director of the Department of Transportation or any of their designees. The Directors will select a Chair for the Council at their first meeting.

III. DURATION:

The Council will exist for one year from the date of this order. This order is effective immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana do hereby create the Oil Pipeline Safety Review Council.

This Order is effective July 20, 2011.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 20th day of July, 2011.

BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST:

LINDA McCULLOCH, Secretary of State