

EXECUTIVE ORDER
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WHEREAS, extensive laboratory testing has confirmed the presence of dioxin at several locations in Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, dioxin is a potentially deadly chemical which threatens the health and safety of thousands of Missourians,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER S. BOND, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Missouri, hereby establish the Governor's Task Force on Dioxin (hereinafter the "Task Force") which shall be composed of such residents of Missouri as from time to time may be appointed by the Governor. The Task Force shall include representatives of Missouri higher education institutions and Missouri companies which have expertise regarding hazardous wastes, as well as concerned citizens. The Chairman of the Task Force shall be designated by the Governor.

The purposes of the Task Force shall be as follows:

1. To examine and evaluate all known methods, processes and technologies for the destruction and containment of dioxin, particularly with respect to dioxin as it exists as a contaminant in soil and stream sediment at various locations in Missouri;
2. To examine and evaluate the public health dangers associated with dioxin, particularly with respect to dioxin as it exists as a contaminant in soil and stream sediment at various locations in Missouri;
3. To prepare and present, not later than June 1, 1983, an interim report which, *inter alia*, provides specific recommendations for solving those public health and environmental problems occurring in Times Beach, Missouri which are the result of dioxin contamination exacerbated by widespread flooding; and
4. To prepare and present, as soon as practicable but not later than October 1, 1983, a final report which includes the evaluations set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, and which recommends a practical and effective plan of action for implementing comprehensive and permanent solutions to the public health and environmental problems caused by dioxin contamination in Missouri.

The Director of the Department of Natural Resources and the Director of the Division of Health shall make available such staff and support resources as are needed by the Task Force in the course of its deliberations. All meetings of the Task Force shall be open to the public, and a record shall be kept of all Task Force proceedings.

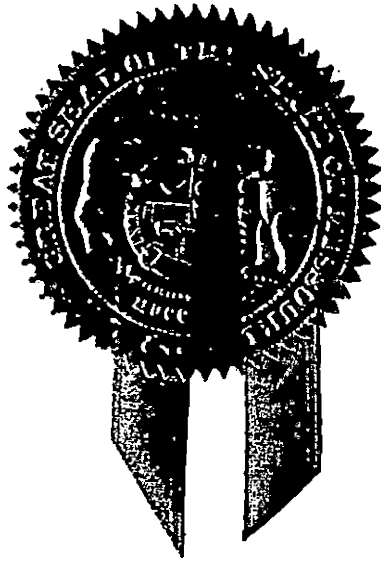
Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed from funds provided through the Department of Natural Resources for their reasonable and necessary expenses. The Task Force may contract for the services of such consultants and experts as it deems necessary and shall pay for such services from funds provided through the Department of Natural Resources or the Division of Health.

The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chairman, or at the call of the Governor or his designate, and shall dissolve upon the issuance of its final report, unless extended by subsequent Executive Order.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Missouri, this
14th day of February, 1983.



Christopher S. Bond
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

James E. Karpovich
SECRETARY OF STATE



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CHRISTOPHER S. BOND
GOVERNOR

February 14, 1983

Mr. George Roush, Director
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Dear George:

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a member of the Governor's Task Force on Dioxin. As you know, the public health and environmental problems associated with dioxin contamination is one of the most serious challenges facing the State of Missouri today. I am confident that your energies and expertise will contribute greatly to identifying the comprehensive and permanent solutions which these problems demand.

The first meeting of the Task Force will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, in the Conference Room of the Department of Natural Resources building at 1915 Southridge Drive in Jefferson City. I will be present to address the Task Force at that time, and I hope you and your fellow Task Force members will also join me for lunch at the Executive Mansion at noon that day.

Enclosed please find a copy of Executive Order 83-5, issued February 14, 1983, which creates the Task Force. In addition to the information contained in the Order, Fred Lafser, Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Dr. Robert Hotchkiss, Director of the Division of Health, will be visiting with you and supplying you with background materials prior to the first meeting.

Thank you again for agreeing to accept this important responsibility. I look forward to seeing you on the 23rd.

Sincerely,

C.S. Bond
GOVERNOR

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Fred Lafser
Dr. Robert Hotchkiss