

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 191

WHEREAS, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission ("PVSC") provides wastewater treatment and removal services within the Passaic Valley Sewerage District, and serves approximately 1.4 million people; and

WHEREAS, in January 2011, six members of PVSC's Board of Commissioners were suspended from their positions, and ultimately resigned, following the emergence of facts and allegations regarding unethical conduct during the prior decade; and

WHEREAS, these suspensions and resignations resulted in the Board's inability to constitute a quorum, thereby jeopardizing PVSC's ability to operate its sewerage treatment plant and associated facilities, as well as other essential activities related to these operations; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with my responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of this State, I determined that it was necessary to take action to ensure the continued operation of PVSC's facilities notwithstanding the loss of six commissioners; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2011, in accordance with the Constitution and Statutes of the State of New Jersey, including but not limited to the provisions of N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33 et seq., and all amendments and supplements thereto, I signed Executive Order No. 55, which, among other things, declared a State of Emergency within the Passaic Valley Sewerage District and vested authority in PVSC's Executive Director to take steps to ensure the continuity of PVSC's operations; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 55 further provided that it was to remain in full force and effect until rescinded, modified, or supplemented in response to the ongoing State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2014, June 25, 2015, and August 13, 2015, the Senate confirmed the nominations of new commissioners to the PVSC Board; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the aforesaid Senate confirmations, the PVSC Board of Commissioners is now able to constitute a quorum to conduct business;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. Executive Order No. 55 (2011) is hereby rescinded.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
9th day of November,
Two Thousand and Fifteen,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Fortieth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor