EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
SECOND AMENDED EXECUTIVE ORDER 2012-21

I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby declare the following:

1. Due to Exceptional and Extreme Drought conditions existing in 77 counties in Oklahoma, and the severe wildfires beginning July 22, 2012, and continuing, I issued Executive Order 2012-21 on July 30, 2012, and thereby declared a disaster emergency caused by wildfires and drought in the State of Oklahoma that threatened the lives and property of the people of this State and the public’s peace, health, and safety. I issued amended Executive Order 2012-21 on August 24, 2012 due to continued drought conditions. Because said conditions warranting the issuance of Executive Order 2012-21 remain, I hereby amend Executive Order 2012-21 according to the terms contained herein.

This declaration may be amended as conditions warrant.

2. It may be necessary to provide for the rendering of mutual assistance among the State and political subdivisions of the State with respect to carrying out disaster emergency functions during the continuance of the State emergency pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003.

3. State agencies, in responding to this disaster emergency, may make necessary emergency acquisitions to fulfill the purposes of this proclamation without regard to limitations or bidding requirements on such acquisitions.

4. The State Emergency Operations Plan has been activated and resources of all State departments and agencies available to meet this emergency are hereby committed to the reasonable extent necessary to protect lives and to prevent, minimize, and repair injury and damage. These efforts shall be coordinated by the Director of the Department of Emergency Management with comparable functions of the federal government and political subdivisions of the State.

Further, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution and 63 O.S. §§ 683.1 et seq., hereby declare that because there is a state of emergency existing in the State of Oklahoma due to extremely dry weather and lack of significant rainfall, it is necessary to assist and expedite all efforts of drought relief and wildfire suppression. In order to accommodate this need and to provide assistance to the citizens of Oklahoma in this extraordinary situation, I hereby order the temporary suspension of the following as they apply to vehicles used in the support efforts:
A. The requirements for special permits for use of oversized vehicles under Title 47 only when transporting hay. These vehicles shall not exceed 12' in width and 13' 6" in height.
B. The requirements for licensing/operating authority as required by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission;
C. The requirements for licensing/registration as required by the Oklahoma Tax Commission;
D. The requirements contained in the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, under the authority of CFR 49, Part 390.23. All other regulations in CFR 49 shall apply.

Due to the severe drought conditions occurring statewide it is necessary to expedite access to hay for livestock. In order to accommodate this need and to provide assistance to our farmers and ranchers in this extraordinary situation, I hereby order the temporary suspension of the requirements for special permits for use of oversized vehicles under Title 47 as they apply to vehicles used to transport round baled hay for livestock as outlined above.

5. This Amended Executive Order shall terminate at the end of thirty (30) days.

Copies of this Amended Executive Order shall be distributed to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the Oklahoma Tax Commission, the Commissioner of Public Safety, and the Director of Emergency Management who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented by all appropriate agencies of state government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, this 21st day of September, 2012.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MARY FALLIN

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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