

NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE ORDERS

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 26.1:

Incorporating the National Incident Management System as the Management System for Emergency Response.

WHEREAS, on occasion disasters occur that threaten the public health, safety and lives of the citizens of the State;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to ensure that all State and local emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to efficiently provide emergency relief and disaster recovery aid;

WHEREAS, to facilitate efficient and effective assistance to those impacted, it is important that all State and local emergency response agencies and personnel utilize common terminology, integrated communications, consolidated action plans, unified command, modular organization, manageable span of control, comprehensive resource management and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters;

WHEREAS, Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 directs the development and implementation of the National Incident Management System ("NIMS"), which sets forth standardized procedures for managing personnel, consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, territorial, tribal and local governments to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents regardless of cause, size or complexity;

WHEREAS, Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 directs that federal departments and agencies make the adoption of NIMS a requirement, to the extent permitted by law, for providing federal preparedness assistance through grants, contracts or other activities;

WHEREAS, The Occupational Safety and Health Administration requires the establishment of a site-specific Incident Management System to handle emergency responses;

WHEREAS, the State Emergency Response Commission endorses a standardized Incident Management System;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE E. PATAKI, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New York, do hereby establish the National Incident Management System as the State standard command and control system during emergency operations.

Executive Order 26, dated March 5, 1995, is superseded by this Executive Order.

(L.S.) GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State in the City of Albany, this twenty eighth day of September in the year two thousand six.

BY THE GOVERNOR

/S/ George E. Pataki

/s/ John C. Cahill

Secretary to the Governor