WHEREAS, the Texas Coast is subject to the constant risk of oil and chemical spills from industrial activities offshore; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas coast contains many sensitive areas which must be protected from threats posed by such oil and chemical spills; and,

WHEREAS, effective spill response activities necessitate the coordination and cooperation of federal, state, local, and private entities; and,

WHEREAS, the means by which to minimize the occurrence of spills and further increase coordinated and efficient activities in responding to future spills should be pursued on a continual basis; and,

WHEREAS, evolving state-of-the-art technologies for containment and cleanup of spilled oil and chemicals must be constantly assessed and implemented; and,

WHEREAS, experience in responding to past spills can provide valuable lessons in dealing with future incidents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish the Governor's Oil Spill Advisory Committee, hereinafter referred to as the ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
The ADVISORY COMMITTEE will consist of the following representatives of the five main state agencies and entities responsible for oil spill contingency planning:

Robert Lansford - Governor's Division of Emergency Management
Buck Jim Wynne, III - Texas Water Commission
Kent R. Hance - Railroad Commission of Texas
Garry Mauro - General Land Office
Charles D. Nash - Parks and Wildlife Department

These persons shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Robert Lansford shall be Chairman of the ADVISORY COMMITTEE and shall serve in such capacity at the pleasure of the Governor.

The ADVISORY COMMITTEE is charged with providing a report on offshore oil and chemical spill emergencies and responses thereto, considering the following:

a) the overall preparedness of the state agencies responsible for oil spill response to implement oil spill contingency plans and the adequacy of those plans;

b) the effectiveness of recommendations of the 1984 advisory panel to respond to future oil spill incidents;

c) additional preventive measures that could be applied throughout various stages of the process;

d) the potential for further coordinated interaction among federal, state, institutional, local, and private entities during a given spill response; and,

e) the availability of state-of-the-art technology and specialized equipment located within or outside the State which could be employed to prevent, contain, and/or clean up an oil or chemical spill.

On or before September 30, 1989, the ADVISORY COMMITTEE shall make a complete written report to the Governor and the Texas Legislature.

The ADVISORY COMMITTEE shall meet regularly at the call of the Chairman. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. The Chairman shall, in consultation with the Office of the Governor, establish the agenda for the ADVISORY COMMITTEE meetings. The Chairman shall have authority to establish such subcommittees as he deems necessary and appropriate and may appoint members of the ADVISORY COMMITTEE or others from government, industry or academic circles to such subcommittees and may establish the subcommittees' directives and agenda.

Staff assistance will be provided by the Office of the Governor and the Texas Water Commission, if needed. The General Land Office, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Department of Public Safety, Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, Texas Air Control Board, Railroad Commission of Texas, and other state agencies and institutions are hereby directed to cooperate with and provide information and technical assistance to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
Members of the ADVISORY COMMITTEE shall serve without compensation. Expenses of ADVISORY COMMITTEE members will normally be expected to be paid by the agency, firm or organization represented by each member.

This executive order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 25th day of May, 1989.

[Signature]
Governor

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Secretary of State