

**75-5606. Powers, duties and functions of existing division and director of environmental health and engineer of state board of health transferred to new secretary of health and environment; orders and directives of previous director and engineer continued in effect until revised, amended or repealed.** (a) All of the powers, duties and functions of the existing division of environmental health and the existing director of environmental health and the engineer of the state board of health are hereby transferred to and conferred and imposed upon the secretary of health and environment created by this order, except as is herein otherwise provided.

(b) The secretary of health and environment created by this order shall be the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the director of environmental health and engineer of the state board of health in which the same were vested prior to the effective date of this act, except as is herein otherwise provided. Every act performed under the authority of the secretary of health and environment created by this order shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as if performed by the division of environmental health or the director of environmental health, or the engineer of the state board of health, respectively, in which such functions were vested prior to the effective date of this order.

(c) Whenever the director of the division of environmental health or the engineer of the state board of health or the division of environmental health or words of like effect is referred to or designated by a statute, contract or other document, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the secretary of health and environment created by this order.

(d) All orders or directives of the director of environmental health and the engineer of the state board of health in existence on the effective date of this order shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be the orders or directives of the secretary of health and environment created by this order until revised, amended, repealed or nullified pursuant to law.

(e) The secretary of health and environment created by this order shall be a continuation of the existing director of the division of environmental health and the engineer of the state board of health provided to be appointed under K.S.A. 65-170.

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