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EXECUTIVE ORDER

by the

Governor of Maine

EVALUATION OF FLOOD HAZARD IN LOCATING STATE OWNED, STATE INSURED,
AND STATE APPROVED PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER FACILITIES

WHEREAS, uneconomic uses of the State's flood plains are occurring and potential flood losses are increasing despite substantial efforts to control floods; and

WHEREAS, the State Government has extensive and continuing programs for the construction of buildings, roads and other facilities and provides financial incentives to private development of similar facilities, all of which activities significantly influence patterns of commercial, residential, and industrial development; and

WHEREAS, the availability of Federal and State loans and mortgage insurance and land use planning programs are determining factors in the utilization of lands; and

WHEREAS, similar action has been taken at the National level affecting Federal expenditures;

Now, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of Maine,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

The heads of Executive agencies, departments, commissions, shall provide leadership in encouraging a broad and unified effort to prevent the uneconomic uses and development of the State's flood plains and, in particular, to lessen the risk of flood losses in connection with State-owned lands and installations and State insured or State-approved or supported improvements, specifically:

- 1) All Executive agencies directly responsible for the construction of State buildings, structures, roads, or other facilities shall evaluate flood hazards when planning the location of new facilities and, as far as practicable, shall preclude the uneconomic, hazardous, or unnecessary use of flood plains in connection with such facilities.
- 2) All Executive agencies responsible for the administration of State grants, loans, mortgage insurance or other State-approved financing involving the construction of buildings, structures, roads, or other facilities, shall evaluate

flood hazards in connection with such facilities and, in order to minimize the exposure of facilities to potential flood damage and the need for future State expenditures for flood protection and flood disaster relief, shall, as far as practicable, preclude the uneconomic, hazardous, or unnecessary use of flood plains in such connection.

- 3) All Executive agencies responsible for programs which entail land use planning shall take flood hazards into account when evaluating plans and shall encourage land uses appropriate to the degree of hazard involved.

As may be permitted by law, the head of each Executive agency shall issue appropriate rules and regulations to govern the carrying out of this Order.

Any request for appropriations for State construction transmitted to the Bureau of Public Improvements shall be accompanied by a statement by the head of the agency on the findings of his agency's evaluation and consideration of flood hazards in the development of such requests.

Technical evaluations of flood hazard can be obtained from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal agency assigned flood plain management responsibilities. The State Soil and Water Conservation Committee is hereby designated to coordinate requests for flood hazard information from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

As used in this Order, the term, "Executive agency", includes any department, commission, committee, board, authority or other organizational entity of State Government.

Respectfully,



Kenneth M. Curtis
Governor