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THE GOVERNOR

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AN ORDER PROVIDING  
STATE POLICY CONCERNING  
EMPLOYEE CONTACT WITH  
ASBESTOS-CONTAINING BUILDING MATERIALS

WHEREAS, the presence of asbestos-containing materials in State facilities has been identified by the Legislature as a matter of concern; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Maine have responded to such concern with the passage of a bond issue for the identification and removal of asbestos in State facilities; and

WHEREAS, the health of State employees and other users of State facilities will be safeguarded by a properly managed operations and maintenance program for asbestos-containing materials; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Labor Management Committee on Safety has endorsed a policy regarding employee contact with asbestos-containing materials; and

WHEREAS, a consistent policy for employee contact with asbestos should be implemented by all departments and agencies of the State of Maine;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby order that:

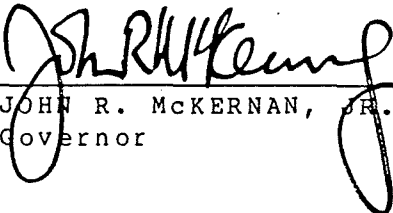
1. It is the policy of this State to limit employee contact with asbestos-containing materials as much as possible and to conduct an operations and maintenance program which will achieve that objective.

2. The Commissioner of Administration shall issue and maintain policy and regulations governing employee contact with asbestos-containing materials and shall assist the departments and agencies of the State in their application.

3. Employee contact with asbestos-containing materials is authorized only after there exists assurance of adequate training and equipment, and only within limits established by Department of Administration policy.

4. The Commissioner of Administration, with the cooperation of all State departments and agencies, shall take the actions necessary to implement this policy by preparing and posting work rules applicable to all State employees.

The effective date of this Order is August 21, 1987.



JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR.  
Governor