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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 6 FY 88/89  
DATE January 27, 1989

AN ORDER  
FOR STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO  
RECYCLE OFFICE PAPER AND  
INCREASE PURCHASE OF PRODUCTS WITH RECYCLED CONTENT

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is recognized nationwide as a leader in environmental matters; and

WHEREAS, state government can provide a forum in which experimentation in new ideas can be carried out more easily than in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, the leadership provided by state government will encourage the adoption of similar strategies by corporations, businesses and individuals across the State; and

WHEREAS, recycling, waste reduction and market encouragement are issues where a pilot process organized by the State can provide guidance for other sectors of the Maine economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby direct all state agencies to follow the procedures provided in this Executive Order and to cooperate fully in its implementation.

Recycling of Office Papers

In implementing this Order, each Department, Board, Commission and Agency in the Executive Branch shall:

1. develop, at a minimum, a recycling program that will result in the highest volume of discarded office papers being recovered;
2. establish that program within twelve months of the date of this Order; and
3. achieve a minimum twenty-five per cent reduction of their waste stream within six months of the program's initiation.

Procurement of Products with Recycled Content

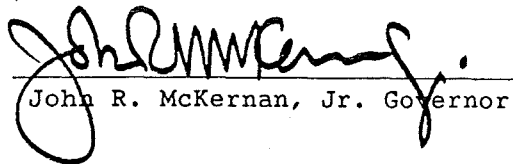
In implementing this Order, each Department, Board, Commission and Agency in the Executive Branch shall:

1. in coordination with the State Purchasing Agent, review the products it purchases and determine which can be replaced with the purchase of products having recycled content; and
2. within six months of the date of this Order, begin the purchase of those products where possible.

In developing this program, agencies shall strive for maximum reduction in waste generation and an increase in the use of products with recycled content by August 1, 1990. In addition, I encourage all State of Maine agency and departmental personnel to recycle materials whenever possible.

After review and acceptance of the agency's recycling plan by the Office of Waste Recycling and Reduction, and review and acceptance of the agency's purchasing report by the State Purchasing Agent, to ensure that state government is effectively recycling and achieving an increase in the purchase of products with recycled content, each unit of government shall begin that program's implementation.

The effective date of this Order is January 27, 1989.

  
John R. McKernan, Jr. Governor