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THE GOVERNOR

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AN ORDER ESTABLISHING AN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REDUCING
COLOR, ODOR, AND FOAM IN MAINE'S RIVERS

WHEREAS, Maine rivers are vital to the future economic growth and quality of life of the people of the State; and

WHEREAS, the continued operation and growth of the paper industry is vital to the economic future of the State; and

WHEREAS, discharges of wastewater by pulp and paper mills, which employ the draft process, impart color, odor and foam to the rivers of the State; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the State have stated that the discharge of the color, odor and foam limit their ability to make full use of the State's rivers; and

WHEREAS, reduction in the amount of color, odor, and foam discharged to Maine's rivers will have beneficial impact on the ability of the people of the State to make full use of the rivers; and

WHEREAS, a review of the impact of colored discharges on the usages of Maine rivers, the cost of the technology to control colored discharges to Maine rivers, and the range and value of the benefits, due to color control, which accrue to the people of the State, would be assisted by the formation of an advisory committee with representatives from a variety of groups; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the installation of the technology to reduce color, odor, and foam is an important factor for government to consider in establishing color, odor and foam standards for Maine rivers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. McKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the Governor's Advisory Committee on Reducing Color, Odor and Foam in Maine's Rivers.

Purpose

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to examine the study and report undertaken by the Paper Industry Information Office, by agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection ("Department"), regarding the possible alternatives for reducing color, odor and foam, and the cost associated with each alternative. The Advisory Committee will report its findings and recommendations to me for my consideration, on or before January 31, 1990.

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Membership

The Advisory Committee will be made up of the following individuals:

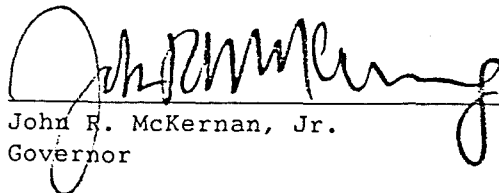
- 1) The Commissioner of the Department ("Commissioner") or his designee,
- 2) Four members of the Maine Legislature to be invited by the Commissioner,
- 3) The Chairman of the Board of Environmental Protection or his designee,
- 4) A municipal official from a municipality directly affected by color, odor and foam in a water body, invited by the Commissioner,
- 5) A representative from environmental and natural resource advocacy groups, invited by the Commissioner,
- 6) A member of the faculty of the University of Maine, invited by the Commissioner,
- 7) A representative of the paper industry, invited by the Commissioner, and
- 8) An independent expert on the production and processing of paper, who shall be appointed by the Commissioner.

The Commissioner shall serve as Chairman of the Advisory Committee and shall convene all meetings thereof.

Functions

The Advisory Committee shall meet on a regular basis to review and provide guidance to the Commissioner regarding the adequacy and quality of the study to be conducted on a voluntary basis by Maine's pulp and paper industry. The purpose of this study is to provide information on a mill by mill basis as to the cost for systems to control the discharge of color, odor and foam to Maine rivers by kraft pulp and paper mills. The Advisory Committee may review any and all stages and portions of the study, including the scope of work, and make recommendations to me regarding additions, deletions and modifications of the study or any portion thereof.

The effective date of this Order is June 28, 1989.


John R. McKernan, Jr.
Governor