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THE GOVERNOR

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AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE
MAINE ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES STEERING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Maine's quality of life and economic well-being is determined in large measure by the quality of its environment and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, finite public and private financial resources must be used efficiently to achieve the goals of environmental protection and natural resources management, and since public and private resources are limited, priorities must be set to determine the most effective investment of scarce resources; and

WHEREAS, such priorities must be based on comprehensive data and grounded in close cooperation among diverse interest groups; and

WHEREAS, that cooperation can best be achieved by establishing a formal entity that encourages discussion, study and resolution of environmental matters of concern to all citizens within the State of Maine,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish The Maine Environmental Priorities Steering Committee.

Membership

Members of the Committee shall represent governments and their diverse interest groups, shall equitably represent the regions of the state, and shall include individuals from communities that are stakeholders in Maine's environment and natural resources.

Purpose

The Committee shall be a forum for considering current and emerging issues in environmental and natural resource management. In cooperation with state agency directors, the Maine Environmental Priorities Steering Committee will develop an action plan that will aid both the public and private sector in setting priorities in pollution prevention, development, and natural resource management.

Function and Duties

The Committee shall review and assist in the development of Maine's first Environmental Priorities report, propose specific strategies to address major issues, and be actively involved in developing a public involvement plan.

Meetings

The Committee shall meet regularly and submit a final report by February, 1995.

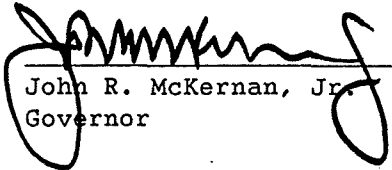
Compensation

Members shall serve without compensation.

Financial Support

Financial support for the Maine Environmental Priorities Project will be provided by the Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and private foundation sources. Data and additional support will be provided by state agencies through technical committees of the Steering Committee and from other sources.

The effective date of this Order is May 24, 1993.



John R. McKernan, Jr.
Governor