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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 2013-004
DATE July 9, 2013

**AN ORDER DIRECTING MAINEDOT TO REVIEW THE
SAFETY OF FREIGHT RAIL TRANSPORTATION IN MAINE**

WHEREAS, Maine has significant rail systems moving freight throughout and across our State;

WHEREAS, this system is crucial to the well-being of Maine's economy, consisting of over 1,100 miles of trackage;

WHEREAS, this rail system is regulated by the federal government and the tracks are owned both by governmental entities and private businesses; and

WHEREAS, a review by the Maine Department of Transportation of our rail system is in order to ensure our system is safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, hereby order as follows:

1. The Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) shall:
 - a. Review all available safety reports related to railroads in Maine compiled by the Federal Rail Administration, and request additional inspections if warranted;
 - b. Request from the Federal Rail Administration a report on the results of inspections of the track, equipment and operations of the Montreal, Maine, and Atlantic Railway;
 - c. Utilize information as it becomes available on the cause of the Quebec train derailment to reassess the safety of Maine's rail infrastructure and take appropriate action to mitigate any safety concerns; and
 - d. Continue to coordinate cooperation between MaineDOT track inspectors and the Federal Rail Administration.

2. MDOT shall report back to the Governor on any significant findings as they become available, and within 90 days provide the Governor with a progress report on the review and analysis conducted pursuant to this Order, including any findings and recommendations.

The effective date of this Executive Order is July 9, 2013.


Paul R. LePage, Governor