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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 2016-003
DATE June 16, 2016

AN ORDER REGARDING THE USE OF ETHANOL IN GASOLINE

WHEREAS, federal mandates have resulted in increased domestic production and use of ethanol in gasoline; and

WHEREAS, vehicle emissions are a significant contributor to pollutants affecting Maine's air quality; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to understand the environmental and human health effects of emissions produced by the combustion of ethanol containing gasoline;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby direct all State agencies to implement a purchasing preference for gasoline blended with five percent or less of ethanol, when that fuel is of a comparable cost to gasoline blended with a higher concentration of ethanol.

Further, I do hereby direct the Office of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Protection, to undertake a review of scientific literature regarding the human health effects of emissions produced by the combustion of ethanol containing gasoline and the effect of increasing ethanol blends on emissions. The Office of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention is further directed to provide the Governor with a report regarding its findings by January 1, 2017.

The effective date of this Executive Order is June 16, 2016.


Paul R. LePage, Governor