

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 73

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of New Jersey is charged with the responsibility of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, In order to insure such protection it is necessary to provide for the uninterrupted treatment and disposal of sewage; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-two municipalities and sewerage agencies process fifty per cent of the sewage of the State; and

WHEREAS, As part of the sewage treatment and disposal process these municipalities and sewerage agencies produce a solid waste, commonly called sludge, which is transported in barges pulled to sea by tugboats and dumped into the ocean at a rate of over 4,000 tons per day; and

WHEREAS, The personnel who operate the tugboats necessary in the removal and disposal of sludge are members of Local Union 333, United Marine Division, International Longshoremen's Association/AFL-CIO, which Union and its members are engaged in a strike, as a result of which tugboat operations have been discontinued preventing the removal and disposal of the sludge by barges in the ocean; and

WHEREAS, Because of sludge accumulation, the sewage treatment plants will not be able to function properly, causing approximately 500 million gallons per day of raw sewage to flow into the waters of the Raritan Bay, Upper New York Bay, Arthur Kill, Newark Bay and the Hackensack and Passaic Rivers; and

WHEREAS, There is insufficient storage capacity to store accumulated sludge; and

WHEREAS, The management and control of this situation is beyond the capabilities of local authorities; and

WHEREAS, The continuing disposal of raw sewage and sludge into the various waterways, with its staggering pollution effects, will cause imminent danger, and significant and irreparable harm to the health and safety of the citizens of this State, its marine resources, and its shore areas;

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Now, THEREFORE, I, Brendan Byrne, Govevnrnor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER, PROCLAIM and DIRECT:

1. A state of emergency exists in the State.

2. Local Union 333, United Marine Division, International Longshoremen's Association/AFL-CIO and its members are urged and requested to operate immediately a sufficient number of tugboats to transport sludge barges to the legally designated dump site for the disposal of sludge.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

[SEAL] Given, under my hand and seal this 5th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine, and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundredth and third.

/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE,
Governor.

Attest:

/s/ HAROLD L. HODES,
Chief of Staff, Executive Secretary.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 74

WHEREAS, The development of Liberty State Park presents an opportunity for New Jersey to create a unique urban, environmental, recreational and commercial resource for the citizens of New Jersey and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, The development of Liberty State Park should include a forum for public participation; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty State Park Study and Planning Commission recommended the establishment of such a forum;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Brendan Byrne, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT: