

Executive Orders

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WHEREAS, There is currently considerable public concern over exposure to asbestos in schools and other public buildings; and

WHEREAS, This State has been a national leader in investigation of hazards to the public health presented by asbestos exposure and in instituting asbestos hazard abatement measures; and

WHEREAS, The serious consequences of inhalation of airborne asbestos fibers for the health of asbestos workers and members of their households have been clearly established; and

WHEREAS, Levels of exposure to asbestos may be such as to constitute a hazard to health in non-occupational circumstances and such exposures require assessment and management in a reasonable and scientific manner; and

WHEREAS, The State's present position regarding asbestos and health must be clearly stated, and means must be established to identify future asbestos issues, to make recommendations for their resolution, and to coordinate the development and implementation of a State asbestos policy;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Kean, 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:

1. An Asbestos Policy Committee shall be established and shall:
 - a. Develop and recommend a State asbestos policy for implementation;
 - b. Receive and review reports of the operational activities of the departments;
 - c. Be a forum for the resolution of interdepartmental problems;

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d. Review and distribute new scientific and management information; and

e. Evaluate and coordinate the distribution of information regarding the status of federal regulation.

2. Membership of the Asbestos Policy Committee shall be comprised of representatives of the Department of Health, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Education, the Department of Higher Education, the Department of Labor, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Corrections, and the Office of the Attorney General. The department commissioners and the Attorney General shall designate the members from their respective agencies. Membership may be augmented by representatives of other departments when issues related to their jurisdictions are to be discussed. Other persons with appropriate interests and resources may be invited to serve by the Chairperson.

3. The Chairperson of the Asbestos Policy Committee shall be the Commissioner of Health, or his designee.

4. The Chairperson shall keep the Governor's Office informed about the proceedings of the Asbestos Policy Committee through regular reports to the Director of Policy and Planning.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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WHEREAS, The State prisons and other penal and correctional institutions of the New Jersey Department of Corrections continue to house populations of inmates in excess of their capacities and remain seriously overcrowded; and

WHEREAS, These conditions continue to endanger the safety, welfare and resources of the residents of this State; and

WHEREAS, The scope of this crisis prevents local governments from safeguarding the people, property and resources of the State; and