3. The Board of Trustees shall make recommendations to the Commissioner of Institutions and Agencies and to the Governor with respect to the formulation of policy for the Project, the supervision and management of the Project, and shall make recommendations with respect to fiscal matters and contracts entered into with any provider under the terms of the proposal and such other matters as may from time to time be appropriate and consistent with its position as a policy making body for the Project.

4. The Board of Trustees shall report to the Governor at such times as the Governor may require or as the Board deems appropriate.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 28th day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and ninety-eighth.

/s/ WILLIAM T. CAHILL,
Governor.

Attest:
/s/ JEAN E. MULFORD,
Acting Secretary to the Governor.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 53

WHEREAS, The protection of the environment, which is the subject of a public trust administered by government for the benefit of all, is a primary responsibility of State government; and

WHEREAS, Government must not only regulate but also must provide an example in the effort to protect the natural resources of the State; and

WHEREAS, The design and location of major State projects may have significant primary and consequential effects on the environment; and

WHEREAS, The protection of the environment, the management of development, and the wise and proper use of the State’s limited land and other resources will be fostered by the proper location and design of State facilities; and
EXECUTIVE ORDERS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 54

I, William T. Cahill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of this State do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that:

1. Friday, November 23, 1973 (the day following Thanksgiving Day) be declared an extra holiday for State employees.

2. Monday, December 24, 1973 (the day preceding Christmas Day) be declared an extra holiday for State employees.

3. Monday, December 31, 1973 (the day preceding New Year’s Day) be declared an extra holiday for State employees.

Given, under my hand and seal this first day of [seal] November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and ninety-eighth.

/s/ WILLIAM T. CAHILL,
Governor.

Attest:

/s/ JEAN E. MULFORD,
Acting Secretary to the Governor.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 55

WHEREAS, The potential for a national energy shortage exists, particularly of vital and essential fuel products; and

WHEREAS, A Federal Mandatory Allocation Program for middle distillate fuels will be effective as of November 1, 1973; and

WHEREAS, This program requires the establishment of a single State agency in New Jersey to implement and coordinate this program; and

WHEREAS, The Governor’s Cabinet Committee on Energy and the State Energy Crisis Study Commission’s Subcommittee on
WHEREAS, The potentially adverse environmental impact of major proposed State projects will be reduced or eliminated if that impact is assessed before the approval of any proposed project, and changes made, if required, in the project design or location;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William T. Cahill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. All departments and agencies of the State shall prepare and submit to the Department of Environmental Protection a description and identification of the environmental impact of major construction projects.

These projects shall include:

Any construction project with a total cost greater than $1,000,000.

A construction project with a total cost of less than $1,000,000 which, by reason of its nature, location in a fragile or undeveloped area, or method of construction or operation, has the potential for substantial adverse environmental impact.

Construction projects undertaken by local, county or regional governments or agencies for which a department or agency of the State has provided funding in excess of $1,000,000.

Construction projects undertaken by local, county or regional governments or agencies for which a department or agency of the State has provided funding of less than $1,000,000, but which, by reason of the project’s nature, location in a fragile or undeveloped area, or method of construction or operation, has the potential for substantial adverse environmental impact.

From time to time, the Department of Environmental Protection may issue guidelines to assist proposing agencies in determining if a project with a cost of less than $1,000,000 may have a potential for substantial adverse environmental impact.

2. Descriptions of such projects and brief identifications of environmental impact shall be submitted by the proposing department or agency to the Department of Environmental Protection prior to the completion of preliminary engineering design for each project. In the case of State funding for local projects, the funding department or agency shall submit the project description and environmental impact identification before awarding a grant.
The project description shall describe the location of the proposed project, the work to be accomplished, and shall include the drawings, plans or maps required to give the Department of Environmental Protection a clear understanding of the scope and nature of the proposal.

The identification of environmental impact shall be a brief statement of the possible impact of the proposal on:

a. water quality
b. demand for water
c. regional air quality
d. plant and animal life in the area of the project
e. land types at the project site
f. fragile land types or areas, which include but are not necessarily limited to wetlands, flood plains, groundwater recharge areas, the coastal area as defined in Chapter 185 of the Laws of 1973, the Pinelands as defined in Chapter 417 of the Laws of 1971, stream headwaters, and lands with a potential for severe erosion
g. regional development or growth
h. historic sites or sites of particular aesthetic importance to the State

3. The Department of Environmental Protection may from time to time issue guidelines for the preparation of descriptions and identifications of environmental impact for such projects.

The Department of Environmental Protection shall review project description and identification statements within four (4) weeks of their submission to it. It shall determine whether or not the proposed project as designed has a potential for substantial adverse environmental impact. If it so determines, it shall request the submission of a full environmental impact statement from the proposing agency. The impact statement shall follow the guidelines attached to, and made a part of, this Order. When such a statement is requested, the proposing agency shall furnish the Department of Environmental Protection with the statement. If the Department of Environmental Protection determines that the project will not have a substantial adverse environmental impact, it shall so notify the proposing agency, and additionally may make recommendations concerning the project’s design or location to reduce environmental impact.

4. The Department of Environmental Protection shall review the environmental impact statement, and make recommendations
to the proposing agency concerning the methods by which the adverse impact of the project may be minimized. Within four (4) weeks of the receipt of a complete statement, or within an additional two (2) weeks with the consent of the proposing agency if the Department of Environmental Protection shall not have issued its report by the end of such time period the project will be deemed approved. The Department shall prepare a report of its review of the impact statement copies of which shall be furnished to the proposing agency and the State Planning Task Force.

5. Within four (4) weeks of the receipt of the Department of Environmental Protection’s report, the proposing agency shall notify the State Planning Task Force in writing of its recommendations concerning the Department of Environmental Protection’s analysis of the environmental impact statement. The report shall indicate which steps recommended by the Department of Environmental Protection the proposing agency will adopt to reduce the impact of the project. Where recommendations of the Department are not accepted by the proposing agency, it shall file a written statement of its reasons for not following the course recommended by the Department of Environmental Protection with the State Planning Task Force which shall consider and reconcile the differences between the Department of Environmental Protection and the proposing agency. The project shall not proceed until the procedures outlined above have been completed.

6. This Order shall not apply to projects now beyond the preliminary engineering stage.

7. The provisions of this Order shall not apply to projects which are reviewed pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, nor shall it apply to maintenance or repair projects.

8. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 5th day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three, of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and ninety-eighth.

/s/ WILLIAM T. CAHILL,
Governor.

Attest:

/s/ JEAN E. MULFORD,
Acting Secretary to the Governor.