b. Review proposed legislation that would impact upon homeless families and adults in the State of New Jersey;

c. Advise the Governor as to what measures need to be taken to coordinate State efforts concerning the homeless;

d. Advise the Executive Branch concerning its relationship with voluntary agencies and private-sector entities involved in homeless-related activities;

e. Develop and distribute information concerning the treatment of specific patterns of homelessness;

f. Recommend to the Governor legislation that will enhance the State's ability to respond to the needs of the homeless.

5. The task force shall meet monthly during the life of the committee at the call of the chairperson. The committee shall render a report to the Governor during the first week of October 1983, specifying their findings and recommendations.

6. The Department of Human Services is authorized and directed, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the task force and to furnish it with such staff, office space and supplies as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order. The task force is further authorized to call upon any other department, office, division or agency of the State to supply such data, program reports and any other information as it deems necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this Order. Each department, office, division or agency of the State is authorized, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the task force to furnish it with such information as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon the submission of the report by the committee to the Governor during the first week of October 1983.

Issued April 21, 1983.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 40

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has recently undertaken the investigation, sampling and analysis of soil samples at certain property located at 80 Lister Avenue, in the City of Newark, County of Essex,
and more particularly known as Block 2438, Lots 60-84(1), 60-84(2) and 74-84(3); and

WHEREAS, On the basis of this investigation the Department of Environmental Protection has reached the preliminary conclusion that the above-described property may be contaminated with potentially high levels of the substance dioxin (2, 3, 7, 8 TCDD), a substance known to be highly toxic to humans, and, accordingly, has reached the preliminary conclusion that a potential hazard exists to the public health because of the possibility of transportation of contaminated substances off the above-described premises into immediately surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Environmental Protection, with the cooperation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, is conducting further investigations, samplings, and analyses in order to determine definitive information as to the nature and extent of any danger which may be posed by the possible dioxin contamination at the above-described premises and in the immediate vicinity thereof in order to determine what actions, if any, will be required to safeguard the public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, The potential threat indicated by the results of the preliminary investigation described above is of such magnitude that the coordinated efforts of local, regional and State agencies must be taken immediately to insure the protection of the public health and welfare from this potential hazard; and

WHEREAS, The scope of the efforts necessary to so protect the public health and welfare is beyond the capacity of regular municipal operating services, or any State agency acting singly;

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 declare a state of emergency and ORDER and DIRECT as follows:

1. I invoke such emergency powers as are conferred upon me by the Laws of 1942, chapter 251 (C. App. A:9–30 et seq.), and all amendments and supplements thereto.

2. The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection is hereby authorized and directed to take such emergency measures as he may determine to be necessary in order to fully and adequately protect the health, safety and welfare of the
citizens of this State from any actual or potential threat or danger which may exist as a result of the possible contamination of the premises located at 80 Lister Avenue, in the City of Newark, as described above. The commissioner is further authorized to adopt, pursuant to C. App. A:9–45, such orders, rules and regulations as may be appropriate in order to carry out the purposes and directives contained herein. The commissioner shall supervise and coordinate all activities of all State, regional and local political bodies and agencies in order to insure the most effective and expeditious implementation of this Order, and, to this end, may call upon all such agencies and political subdivisions for any assistance necessary. All State agencies, political subdivisions, and local and regional agencies are directed to comply with and implement the orders, rules and regulations issued by the commissioner pursuant hereto and to provide all assistance and cooperation requested.

3. The powers granted to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection hereby shall include, but not be limited to, the power to use, seize, impound, quarantine, restrict access to, or require the vacating of, or the making of modifications or improvements, temporary or permanent, to any real or personal property which in his judgment is reasonably required to abate the emergency caused by the possible presence of dioxin and the consequent threat to public health and welfare, as described above.

4. It shall be the duty of every person in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body, and of each and every official, agency or employee of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever to cooperate fully in all matters concerning this emergency. No municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance or resolution which might or will in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order or any of the orders, rules or regulations adopted pursuant to this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

5. There is hereby established an Emergency Advisory Board comprising the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection as chair, the Commissioner of the Department of Health, the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey, or their designated representatives, which shall advise and consult with the