

State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Jeanne Shaheen, Governor

A Proclamation

EXECUTIVE ORDER 99-6

An order establishing a task force to analyze solid waste management in the State of New Hampshire

WHEREAS, New Hampshire municipalities have recently experienced dramatically increased costs for the disposal of their wastes and the management of their recyclables, thus placing a substantial burden on communities and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of the waste disposal industry has resulted in more limited choices of services and disposal facilities for communities and businesses alike, and has had a similar impact on the solid waste transportation industry; and

WHEREAS, the State has not yet achieved the goal of a 40% minimum weight reduction in the solid waste stream by the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, the State exports about 100,000 tons of solid waste per year, but imports about 700,000 tons from neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, the impact of imported solid waste reduces the positive effect of recycling efforts to conserve disposal capacity for New Hampshire residents and businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeanne Shaheen, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to Part 1, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby establish a task force consisting of municipal officials, legislators, industry representatives, environmental interests, and state agency personnel to investigate the issues of solid waste flow, industry consolidation and its ramifications, and statewide options for addressing disposal capacity beyond the current projected estimates. The objectives of this committee shall be:

1. To assist the Department of Environmental Services and the New Hampshire Department of Justice in their review of changes in the solid waste industry.
2. To provide recommendations for future solid waste disposal options for the residents and businesses of New Hampshire.
3. To identify long term options to address the importation of solid waste.
4. To identify and investigate the cost increases in solid waste management and their impact on NH citizens and businesses.
5. To provide a forum in which affected stakeholders may voice their concerns.



Given under my **hand and seal** at the **Executive Chambers** in Concord, this **fifteenth day** of September in the year of our Lord, one **thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Shaheen".

Jeanne Shaheen
Governor of New Hampshire