

New Hampshire  
Department of Agriculture,  
Markets & Food

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Lorraine S. Merrill, Commissioner

July 11, 2017

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Governor Sununu and Honorable Council:

**Requested Action**

Authorize New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Pesticide Control (DAMF) to enter into a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with the NH Department of Health & Human Services in the amount of \$41,600 to purchase lab equipment necessary for analyzing pesticide samples effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2018. 100% Federal Funds.

These Federal Funds are budgeted in the existing account, **02-18-18-183010-21400000, Pesticide Management**, as follows:

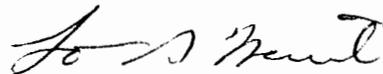
<u>Account</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>Totals</u>
049-500294 Transfers to Other State Agencies	\$41,600	\$41,600

**Explanation**

The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Pesticide Control (DAMF) wishes to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the NH Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) to off-set the purchase of necessary lab equipment for processing and analyzing pesticide samples.

DHHS performs lab-testing services for DAMF that support pesticide compliance efforts and for review of environmental sampling conducted to determine possible existence of pesticides, for example, analyzing water and soil for pesticide residue. The funds are available through a federal grant managed by DAMF.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine S. Merrill  
Commissioner

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE NH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD (NHDAMF)

AND

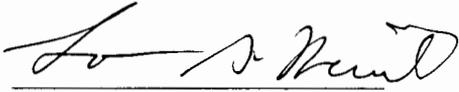
THE NH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (NHDHHS)

Statement of agreement between the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services to allocate funds for the purchase of equipment by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, Public Health Laboratories.

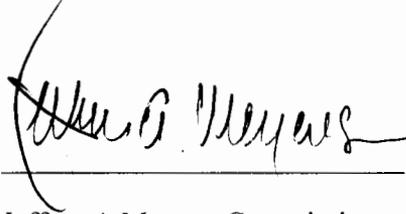
The Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food is the State lead agency in New Hampshire for pesticide regulatory programs and is authorized under the New Hampshire Pesticide Act to conduct pesticide enforcement programs in the State. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, Public Health Laboratories, Water Analysis Laboratory Section supports these efforts by analyzing a wide variety of samples collected by the Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Pesticide Control. The Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Pesticide Control will reimburse DHHS in the amount of \$41,600.00 using federal grant funds received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to offset the cost of a new High Performance Liquid Chromatography system.

The Department of Health and Human Services shall use the \$41,600 to off-set the purchase expense for an Automated Solid Phase Extraction (SPE) Unit, a High Performance Liquid Chromatograph (HPLC) and a Diode Array Detector (DAD). These instruments will replace aging instrumentation which can no longer be supported. These instruments are used for analyzing Chlorinated Acid Herbicides. Samples collected by the Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Pesticide Control are analyzed using this instrumentation. For example, this instrument is used for the analysis of 2,4-D and Triclopyr, which are aquatic herbicides currently being used in several of New Hampshire's lakes, ponds and rivers.

The terms of this agreement shall commence as of the date of approval by the Governor and Executive Council and be effective through June 30, 2018.



Lorraine S. Merrill, Commissioner



Jeffrey A Meyers, Commissioner

7-11-17

Date

6/27/17

Date

Approval by State of New Hampshire Attorney General as to form, substance, and execution:

By: [Signature], Assistant Attorney General, on 7/27/17.

Approved by State of New Hampshire Governor and Executive Council:

By: \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Date