Executive Order Number 92-6
Establishment of the State Emergency Response Commission

WHEREAS, the Congress has passed and the President signed into law the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), (P.L. 99-499), hereinafter referred to as the Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 301(a) of the Act requires the establishment of an emergency response commission by the Governor of each state; and

WHEREAS, the improvement of emergency planning and response programs for hazardous substance emergencies is consistent with measures which have been or are being implemented by appropriate state agencies; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that the public and appropriate technical expertise participate and advise state government on the effective implementation of the state's responsibilities required by the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUDD GREGG, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, pursuant to Part II, Article 41 of the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire, and the laws of the United States, do hereby order the establishment of the State Emergency Response Commission.

The Commission shall consist of 25 members as follows: to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor:

- The Director of Emergency Management, who shall serve as chair, and
- The Office of Emergency Management Program Coordinator,
- Three (3) Representatives of the Department of Environmental Services, (WS & PC, Air Resources, Waste Management),
- Three (3) Representatives from the Department of Safety (Enforcement, Fire Marshal, FSTC),
- Two (2) Representatives from the Department of Health (Radiological Health, Risk Assessment),
- A Representative from the NH Police Chiefs Association,
- A Representative from the NH Fire Chiefs Association,
- A Representative from the Department of Labor,
- A Representative from the Public Utilities Commission,
- A Representative from the Attorney General's Office,
- A Representative from the American Red Cross,
- Two (2) Representatives from Industry (Transportation, Fixed Facility),
- Two (2) Representatives from Local Government,
- A Representative from the Department of Agriculture,
- A Representative from the Department of Transportation,
- A Representative from the Fish and Game Department,
- A Representative from the White Mountains National Forest, and
- Others as deemed appropriate by the Commission to carry out its responsibilities.
The Commission shall:

1. Designate Emergency Planning Districts to facilitate preparation and implementation of Emergency Plans;

2. Review the plans submitted by the local emergency planning committees and make recommendations to the appropriate local emergency planning committee on revisions of the plan that may be necessary to ensure coordination of such plan with emergency response plans of other emergency planning districts.

3. Develop and maintain policy and procedures for the Commission's operations.

4. Develop and make recommendations concerning resources available and/or needed to implement the Act and relevant state laws.

5. Develop and make recommendations for proposed regulations, or legislation, if necessary.

6. Develop and make policy recommendations regarding the implementation of the Act and related issues.


8. Serve as the repository for Annual Inventory Submissions, Toxic Release Submissions, Emergency Notification and Right to Know Request.

9. Accept and disperse (in accordance with State Regulations) such funds as may be made available to the Commission to carry out its responsibilities pursuant to The Act and this Executive Order.

I do hereby designate the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management as the lead Agency for the purpose of implementing the Act and this Executive Order.

This Executive Order shall become effective immediately.

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

JUDD GREGG

GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE