

STEPHEN MERRILL, GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER 96-4

an order for State agencies to comply with
flood plain management requirements

WHEREAS, certain areas of the State are subject to periodic flooding of streams, rivers, lakes, oceans, and other bodies of water which causes serious damage to properties within these areas; and

WHEREAS, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a partnership between the community and the federal government establishing adequate land use control measures; and

WHEREAS, the State is considered a "community" pursuant to the code of federal regulation 44 CFR ch.1 Section 59.1, revised as of October 1, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire is a self-insurer for the perils of floods and mudslides affecting State facilities; and

WHEREAS, State facilities located within local community flood hazard areas not in compliance with local flood plain management regulations could jeopardize that community's ability to maintain national flood insurance; and

WHEREAS, the federal government could penalize a participating community for the State's noncompliance in the form of: increased fees, suspension from the program, and/or nonissuance or renewal of flood policies; and

WHEREAS, participation in NFIP will result in significant savings to the State and local communities in the event of flooding;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN MERRILL, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, by authority vested in me, do hereby order effective immediately, that all State agencies comply with the flood plain management requirements of all local communities participating in the NFIP in which State-owned properties are located.



Given at the Executive Council Chambers in Concord,
this eighteenth day of July, in the year of Our Lord, one
thousand nine hundred and ninety-six, and of the
independence of the United States of America, two
hundred and twenty.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Merrill".

GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE