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### **GOVERNOR CORZINE SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER TO INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN STATE GOVERNMENT**

TRENTON - Governor Jon S. Corzine today signed an executive order creating the post of Director of Energy Savings and outlined significant steps to increase energy efficiency in state government. The order was signed on Earth Day as part of the Governor's continued dedication to preserving our natural resources in a responsible and practical manner.

The Director of Energy Savings will design and implement a program to increase efficiency, reduce usage, and improve the procurement of energy for the hundreds of facilities owned by the state. Currently New Jersey spends approximately \$128 million on energy costs. Through energy audits, bulk purchasing of energy, increased use of Energy Star compliant products and implementation of energy efficient practices at state facilities New Jersey will save millions of dollars.

In addition to finding savings through energy efficiencies, the director will also take steps to establish New Jersey as a leader in its responsible stewardship of natural resources. Whenever possible the state will purchase products that are made from renewable materials and composed of low or no toxicity materials. Furthermore, all state brochures and pamphlets will be printed on recycled paper whenever possible. Finally the director will work with state environmental and economic development agencies to promote economic development around renewable and advanced energy technologies. This will help to stem the flow of energy dollars to out-of-state entities and create local jobs. The new position will be appointed by the Governor and housed in the Department of Treasury.

The Executive Order is available at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/governor/news/news/approved/20060422.html>