

# Environment

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Legislation affecting the environment addressed recycling and water and air quality. A new pilot program within the Department of Public Health and Environment will encourage recycling of cathode ray tubes, a component of computer monitors and television sets. The Cherry Creek Reservoir is expected to improve through a plan to meet state water quality standards and greater spending on pollution abatement projects. Air quality was addressed through the continuation of the Clean Screen Program, a program which reduces vehicle emissions.

Cathode ray tube disposal. House Bill 01-1106 authorizes the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to establish the Cathode Ray Tube Recycling Pilot Program. The program will encourage private industry to undertake research and development of new technologies for the recycling, disposal, and waste minimization of cathode ray tubes. It will be implemented, however, only if the department receives a sufficient enough grant, gift, or bequest.

Cherry Creek water quality protection. Senate Bill 01-066 changes the membership and duties of the Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority to help address growing water quality problems in the reservoir. Specifically, the reservoir's water quality has declined due to increased discharge of phosphorous from waste water treatment and storm water runoff. To help protect this important recreational resource, the bill adds seven new members to represent sportspersons, recreational users, and concerned citizens. It also requires the authority to submit a plan to the Water Quality Control Commission that specifies measures to meet state water quality standards for the reservoir. The authority is also required to spend 60 percent of its revenue on pollution abatement projects.

Air quality. House Bill 01-1402 authorizes an extension of the Clean Screen Program for testing emissions of 1982 and newer vehicles. Under the program, vehicles are tested using a remote sensing system instead of at a centralized testing station.

