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John W. Hickenlooper
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Extending and Amending Executive Order 002-09 regarding the Denver Metropolitan Area Regional Air Quality Council

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, I, John Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order extending and amending the Regional Air Quality Council last authorized in Executive Order B 002-09, dated March 25, 2009 (authorizing the Regional Air Quality Council as the lead air quality planning agency for the Denver Metropolitan Area).

I. Background and Purpose

The Governor of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7504, is authorized to designate a lead agency for air quality planning with the responsibility to prepare air quality plans for the region to demonstrate and ensure long-term compliance with federal air quality standards. The Regional Air Quality Council ("Council") has been an important actor in the development of strategies to improve air quality and coordinate air quality planning initiatives for the greater Denver Metropolitan Area.

The continued work of the Council is necessary in light of multiple air quality issues including, but not limited to, potential lower federal ozone standards in the summer of 2011 and the ongoing identification of strategies for reducing ozone causing emissions with a focus on emissions from the transportation sector. Under a new ozone standard, the State will need to present a state implementation plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2013 that identifies strategies to reduce ozone to meet the new standard.

II. Extension and Reauthorization of the Council

Based upon the important work listed above that is yet to be completed by the Council, Executive Order B 002-09, dated March 25, 2009, which describes the Council's role, mission, duties, structure, powers, membership and organization, is hereby extended to ensure that the Council completes its work and determines strategies for reducing ozone.

III. *Ex Officio* Council Composition Amended

Paragraph 6.C. of Executive Order B 002-09 is amended as follows:

C. The Executive Directors of the Colorado Department of Health and the Environment, the Colorado Department of Transportation, and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs; as well as the General Manager of the Regional Transportation District. Each Executive Director and the General Manager may designate an alternate to serve in their place. Said alternates may vote on issues before the Council.

IV. Duration

This Executive Order and Executive Order B 002-09, as amended, shall continue in existence until April 30, 2013, unless they are either terminated or extended beyond that date by Executive Order of the Governor.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, May 5, 2011.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John W. Hickenlooper".

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor