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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Extending and Amending Executive Orders B 2012 001 B 2011 002 and B 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 W. 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 2012 001, dated January 23, 2012 (extending the Regional Air Quality Council as the lead air quality planning agency for the Denver Metropolitan Areas).

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, the ongoing identification of strategies for reducing ozone causing emissions with a focus on emissions from the transportation sector to bring the Denver Metro/North Front Range Area into compliance with the 2008 federal ozone standard, and the likelihood that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") will lower the federal ozone standard when it next reviews this standard in 2013-14. Under a new ozone standard, the State will need to present a state implementation plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that identifies strategies to reduce ozone to meet the new standard.

II. Extension and Reauthorization of the Council

Based on the important work listed above that is yet to be completed by the Council, Executive Order B 002-09, dated March 25, 2009, Executive Order B 2011 002, dated May 5, 2011, and Executive Order B 2012 001, dated January 23, 2012, that describe the Council's role, mission,

duties, structure, powers, membership and organization, are hereby extended and amended to ensure that the Council completes its work and determines strategies for reducing ozone.

III. Council Composition

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

- 2. a representative from the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO);
- 13. Larimer County;
- 14. Weld County.

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

E. Each member of the Council shall serve a three year term. An appointed member shall not serve more than two consecutive terms. In the event of a vacancy in an appointed position, the appointing authority shall appoint a member to fill the position for the remainder of the unexpired term.

IV. Geographic Area of the Regional Air Quality Council

Paragraph 4.A. of Executive Order B 002-09 is amended as follows:

The Council shall serve as the lead planning agency for air quality for the Denver Metropolitan Area. Additionally, the Council shall serve as the lead planning agency for the Denver Metro/North Front Range Ozone Non-Attainment Area.

V. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect until modified or rescinded by future Executive Order of the Governor.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this nineteenth day of July, 2013.

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

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor