

POLICY OF THE SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE COMMISSION
REGARDING RECYCLING, MINIMIZATION AND REUSE OF SOLID WASTE

WHEREAS, the Colorado Solid and Hazardous Waste Commission (“Commission”) is vested with the authority to regulate solid wastes within the State of Colorado, and has promulgated and will continue to promulgate regulations pertaining to solid waste generation, handling, recycling, storage, treatment and disposal within the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that there is an increased Colorado and national emphasis on implementing more efficient and sustainable environmental practices and strategies, including but not limited to those relating to the generation, handling, recycling, storage, treatment and disposal of solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has formed a Subcommittee on Waste Minimization and Carbon Reduction (“Subcommittee”), which Subcommittee has conducted a number of meetings with public entities involved in recycling and waste minimization in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee has recommended that the Commission issue a general policy relating to solid waste minimization and reuse to guide future solid waste rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration of the above, the Commission wishes to adopt the following policy:

In accordance with the above recitals, the Commission strongly encourages the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment staff members to develop solid waste rules that consider alternatives to regulations which (1) encourage recycling, reuse and minimization of solid waste; and (2) maximize the rate at which solid wastes are diverted from landfills to beneficial reuse, recycling or other alternatives, if appropriate, that are practical and economically feasible and sustainable.