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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Declaring a State Disaster Emergency

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to § 24-32-2101 *et seq.* and § 24-60-2901 *et seq.* of the Colorado Revised Statutes, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order declaring a state disaster emergency and suspending certain provisions of state regulatory statutes to respond to the disaster emergency caused by Hurricane Katrina.

1. Background and Need

Hurricane Katrina has caused an emergency of national scope within the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. In addition, the continued evacuation of individuals and families from the affected areas has produced a state of emergency in the neighboring states of Texas and Arkansas.

The State of Colorado has been requested to render mutual aid to assist in the implementation of federal and state disaster emergency functions in accordance with the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 24-60-2902, C.R.S. Coordination of activities relating to disaster response by agencies and officers of this state, interstate, and federal-state is an express purpose of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, § 24-32-2102(1)(f), C.R.S.

By this Order, I am declaring a disaster emergency in the State of Colorado to adequately respond to the emergency situation caused by Hurricane Katrina and I am suspending specific Colorado regulatory statutes to expedite the transportation of emergency resources and supplies to the affected states.

2. Mission and Scope

- A. I hereby find a disaster has occurred and declare a disaster emergency within the State of Colorado in accordance with § 24-60-2902, Article IV, C.R.S., and pursuant to § 24-32-2104(4), C.R.S.

B. I hereby suspend the following provisions of regulatory statutes for commercial vehicles providing assistance to the emergency relief efforts caused by Hurricane Katrina: § 42-3-117, C.R.S. (International Registration Plan); § 42-3-306(7), C.R.S. (IRP 72 Hour Permits); § 39-27-302, C.R.S. (International Fuel Tax Agreement); § 42-3-306 (11)(B), C.R.S. (Passenger Mile Tax); and § 42-4-1414 C.R.S. (Dyed diesel fuel). I find that the temporary suspension of these statutes is necessary to ensure commercial vehicles assisting in emergency response efforts are not delayed by state statutes unrelated to the health and safety of state citizens.

3. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from its date of signature unless extended by Executive Order.

Given under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado this 3rd
day of September, 2005.



Bill Owens
Governor