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EXECUTIVE ORDER

STATE GROUNDWATER PROTECTION GOAL

Richard D. Lamm
Governor

- WHEREAS, groundwater is a valuable natural resource of the State of Colorado; and
- WHEREAS, groundwater and surface water are important state waters which are often interrelated; and
- WHEREAS, the economic growth and vitality of the State is dependent upon having ample sources of high quality water for domestic, agricultural, industrial and recreational uses; and
- WHEREAS, there is frequently a relationship between the quality of groundwater and its allocation and use; and
- WHEREAS, groundwater is used as a source of water for public water supplies in a large percentage of systems in the State; and
- WHEREAS, contaminated groundwater is technologically difficult and extremely expensive to purify; and
- WHEREAS, there are several state agencies with numerous statutory responsibilities which are being utilized to protect groundwater; and
- WHEREAS, there is a need for coordination among these State agencies in order to avoid regulatory and investigative duplication and conflict; and
- WHEREAS, the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission is a principal entity of State government charged with adopting regulations and standards necessary to assure the quality of state waters; and
- WHEREAS, the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission has adopted a Groundwater Protection Goal which is consistent with the goal stated in item I herein.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Statutes and Constitution of the State of Colorado, do hereby order that:

- I. The State of Colorado will use the following as the State Groundwater Protection Goal for preserving the quality of our valuable groundwater resources:

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