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# STATE OF COLORADO

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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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"THE GOAL OF THE STATE OF COLORADO IS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM BENEFICIAL USE OF GROUNDWATER RESOURCES WHILE ASSURING SAFETY OF THE USERS BY PREVENTING OR CONTROLLING THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO IMPAIR EXISTING OR FUTURE BENEFICIAL USES OF GROUNDWATER OR TO ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH."

- II. All State agencies should strive to achieve the State's Groundwater Protection Goal to the extent that resources and their respective statutory authorities allow.
- III. The Colorado Department of Health is given the primary responsibility for coordinating groundwater quality protection efforts within the Executive Branch of this state's government, and all State agencies should coordinate such efforts with the Department of Health.
- IV. In order to facilitate coordination of groundwater protection efforts, a "Memorandum of Agreement Between Colorado Agencies for the Protection of the Quality of Groundwater Resources of the State" executed by the following state agencies, boards, and commissions will govern their groundwater protection efforts:

Colorado Board of Health	Colorado Department of Agriculture
Colorado State Board of Land	Colorado Department of Health
Commissioners	Colorado Department of Labor
Colorado Mined Land Reclamation	and Employment
Board	Colorado Department of Natural
Colorado Ground Water Commission	Resources
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation	Colorado Geological Survey
Commission	Colorado State Soil Conservation
Colorado Water Quality Control	Colorado Division of Water
Commission	Resources
Colorado Board of Examiners of	
Water and Pump Installation	
Contractors	

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado,  
15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1985

  
Richard D. Lamm  
Governor

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