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Roy Romer
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

COLORADO MINING INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, Colorado's history and development have been tied to its rich and varied natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is committed to an aggressive program of economic development, including rural economic development; and

WHEREAS, many of Colorado's natural resources can be developed in a manner which both advances the state economy and protects the public health, welfare and environment; and

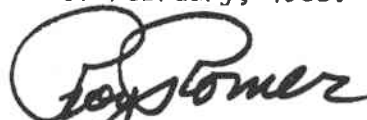
WHEREAS, the mining and mineral industry is a major industry and source of employment in Colorado, particularly in many rural communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws of Colorado, do hereby order that:

1. It is the goal of this administration to encourage and assist the development of natural resources, including minerals and energy fuels, while protecting the public health, welfare and environment.
2. The departments of Natural Resources and Health will carry out their regulatory responsibilities within statutory guidelines and through reasonable regulations, consistently and fairly enforced, for the protection of the public health, welfare and environment. These departments also will review immediately their environmental regulations and policies, recognizing that unnecessary and duplicative regulations and extended time frames add cost and risk to mining ventures. The goal of this review is a simple, clear and timely regulatory process characterized by certainty and consistency with minimal duplication and administrative cost.
3. The Executive Branch will review transportation regulations to reduce costs and improve the system for transporting Colorado's minerals and fuels where possible without diminishing public health, safety and welfare.

4. The Executive Branch will examine opportunities for research and technical assistance which support Colorado's mineral and energy industry. In particular, the Executive Branch will support development of new cleaner coal technologies in order to expand the market for Colorado coal.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this 18th day of February, 1988.



Roy Romer
Governor

