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Roy Romer Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

CREATING A GOVERNOR'S POLICY
FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, regional cooperation on waste management is essential to protecting the environment of Colorado and the entire Western region;

WHEREAS, the policies and procedures for waste management in neighboring states may affect Colorado and vice versa;

WHEREAS, it is advantageous for the state to receive early notification and the opportunity to comment on our neighboring states' decisions regarding waste management that may impact Colorado;

WHEREAS, Colorado should provide its neighbors who may be impacted by decisions regarding waste management with the opportunity to provide their comments on impending state decisions;

WHEREAS, federal clean-up wastes often are shipped from the clean-up site to another state for disposal without receiving states' knowledge or approval; and

WHEREAS, the sharing of waste management information will serve to protect the environment of Colorado and the Western region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of Colorado, under the authority vested in me by the laws and the Constitution of Colorado, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

Agencies in the State that are responsible for waste management shall join with the Western Governors' Association and its member states on regional cooperation on waste management. Colorado's cooperation will be achieved by the following actions:

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- David Shelton is named as Colorado's Single Point of Contact for the Western Governors' Association Waste Impact Network.
- This contact's name will be forwarded to the Western Governors' Association along with a copy of this Executive Order.
- 3. The attached Regional Waste Protocol, which has been signed by my hand, will be distributed to staff of the state's agencies handling waste management issues.
- 4. State agencies and personnel regularly will review pending state decisions on new waste facilities, waste management taxes or fees, new regulations or legislation dealing with waste management, and federal wastes for potential impact on other states in the region as outlined in Principle 2 of the Regional Waste Protocol. When potential impacts on other states in the region are identified, agency staff will contact the state's Single Point of Contact representative.
- It will be the Single Point of Contact's responsibility to inform the Western Governors' Association of the potential impacts. This Single Point of Contact also must ensure that all the relevant state agencies are notified when he/she is informed of other states' waste actions which might impact the state.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this A/ day of November, 1991.

Roy Romer Governor

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