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Roy Romer  
Governor

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

### REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTES BY STATE AGENCIES

WHEREAS, hazardous materials and hazardous wastes are in use in a number of the facilities owned and operated by the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, hazardous materials and hazardous wastes carry with them the potential for serious impact to the environment and possible serious injury to the health of state employees and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, proper management of hazardous materials is of major concern to the government and residents of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, each state department is responsible for the compliance of that department and its related facilities with all applicable federal and state regulations and statutes;

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

It is the policy of the executive branch of state government with regard to the management of hazardous materials and wastes that:

1. Priority will be given to the elimination and/or reduction of the purchases and processes which require the state government's management of hazardous materials and hazardous waste.
2. When and where it is necessary for state government to manage hazardous materials and hazardous waste, such management will be done in strict accordance with all legal requirements and the best available management practices to maximize worker safety and environmental and public health protection.

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3. All state agencies will coordinate their efforts in the management of hazardous materials and hazardous waste in order to minimize costs, maximize efficiency, and improve performance while recognizing the differences between state agencies.
4. State procurement policies and practices will be modified and maintained to reflect the priorities set forth in this policy.
5. Where the implementation of this policy will require additional resources and or legislation, full effort will be given to work with the Legislature to secure the necessary actions.
6. State agencies will strive to be leaders in solid and hazardous waste reduction and management so as to encourage all citizens and businesses in Colorado do do likewise.
7. State agencies shall retain records concerning hazardous materials and hazardous waste for a minimum of 30 years.
8. The state will seek insurance companies and potentially responsible parties to fund necessary responses to hazardous materials and hazardous waste problems, particularly those related to cost clean up.

GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado this 25th day of March,  
1992.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roy Romer", is written over the printed name and title.

Roy Romer  
Governor