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John W. Hickenlooper
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Extending and Amending Executive Order B 2011-002 regarding the Denver Metropolitan Area Regional Air Quality Council

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, I, John Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order extending and amending the Regional Air Quality Council last authorized in Executive Order B 2011-002, dated May 5, 2011 (authorizing the Regional Air Quality Council as the lead air quality planning agency for the Denver Metropolitan Area).

I. Background and Purpose

The Governor of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7504, is authorized to designate a lead agency for air quality planning with the responsibility to prepare air quality plans for the region to demonstrate and ensure long-term compliance with federal air quality standards. The Regional Air Quality Council ("Council") has been an important actor in the development of strategies to improve air quality and coordinate air quality planning initiatives for the greater Denver Metropolitan Area.

The continued work of the Council is necessary in light of multiple air quality issues including, but not limited to, the ongoing identification of strategies for reducing ozone-causing emissions with a focus on emissions from the transportation sector to come into compliance with the 2008 federal ozone standard, and the likelihood that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") will lower the federal ozone standard when it next reviews this standard in 2013. Under a new ozone standard, the State will need to present a state implementation plan to the EPA that identifies strategies to reduce ozone to meet the new standard.

II. Extension and Reauthorization of the Council

Based upon the important work listed above that is yet to be completed by the Council, Executive Order B 2011-002, dated May 5, 2011, which describes the Council's role, mission, duties, structure, powers, membership, and organization, is hereby

extended to ensure that the Council completes its work and determines strategies for reducing ozone.

III. Membership and Organization Amended

Paragraph 6.E. of Executive Order B 002-09 is amended as follows:

Appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. At the discretion of the Governor, appointees shall serve terms of three years, except that, of the members appointed in 2012, one half shall serve for terms of two years and the remaining half shall serve for terms of three years. In the event of a vacancy, the Governor shall appoint a member to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

IV. Duration

This Executive Order, Executive Order B 002-09, and Executive Order B 2011-002, as amended, shall continue in existence until April 30, 2015, unless they are either terminated or extended beyond that date by Executive Order of the Governor.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this twenty-third day
of January, 2012.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John W. Hickenlooper".

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor