

## **D 011 07**

### **Executive Order**

#### **Greening of State Government: Goals and Objectives**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order to establish goals and objectives, designed to reduce the environmental impact of state government.

##### **1. Background and Purpose**

The daily activities of State government have a significant impact on the quality of Colorado's public health, environment and use of its natural resources. This order charges State departments, agencies and offices to take a position of leadership in the new energy economy by reducing state energy consumption, increasing state use of renewable energy sources, increasing the energy efficiency and decreasing the environmental impact of the state vehicle fleet, implementing environmental purchasing standards and requiring attention to energy and environmental impacts of purchasing and materials decisions.

The purpose of this order is to provide clear guidance and directive to all state agencies and offices in the greening of state government in the State of Colorado. This Executive Order applies to all state departments, agencies and offices that report to the Governor. This Executive Order also establishes Greening Government Manager ("Manager") within the Governor's Energy Office ("GEO") to facilitate the goals and objectives within this order.

This Executive Order modifies but does not replace Executive Order D 005 05.

The Greening of State Government Coordinating Council ("Council") formed pursuant to Executive Order D 005 05, shall continue under the lead of the GEO. The elements of Executive Order D 005 05 will remain in place and are to be read in conjunction with this Executive Order.

##### **2. Directive**

###### **A. Greening Government Manager**

I hereby order the creation of a Greening Government Manager within the GEO. The manager

shall facilitate reduction of environmental impacts through implementation of departmental energy plans and will assist state departments and agencies in achieving the goals and objectives of this order and as established by the Council.

Working closely with state departments, agencies, and the Council, I direct the Manager to implement a sustainability management system to track energy efficiency, water conservation, recycling, fleet operations, and environmentally preferable purchasing. Working closely with the Department of Personnel and Administration (“DPA”) and Department of Public Health and Environment (“DPHE”), the Manager shall also undertake primary coordinating responsibilities for the Council.

#### B. Greening Government Council

Each Executive Director shall appoint a department or agency representative for participation in the Council as created in Executive Order D 005 05. The Council shall develop the appropriate policies and procedures to implement the goals and objectives of this order, including any exemptions or exceptions to the standards that the Council deems appropriate.

The Council shall prepare an Annual Report Card on the achievements under this order for review and to inform recommendations for additional action by the Governor. The Council shall develop educational materials for state employees on sustainability, stewardship, climate change, and other environmental issues, so that employees better understand the reason for this Executive Order. All agencies and departments shall educate employees regularly using these materials. DPHE shall maintain an environmental outcomes database to track environmental measurements for Greening Government efforts. All state departments shall report to DPHE the measures required for the database.

#### C. Specific Goals and Objectives

I direct the Manager and Council to work with all state agencies and offices to achieve the goals described below.:

i. **For Energy Management**

- By fiscal year 2011-2012, achieve at least a 20% reduction in energy consumption of state facilities below fiscal year 2005-2006 levels;
- By January of 2008 develop or update an energy management plan and ensure development of a study determining feasibility of energy performance contracting for all state owned facilities;
- On an ongoing basis, assess and implement where effective, the development of state renewable energy projects with the support of GEO.

ii. **For materials and resource management:**

- By fiscal year 2008-2009, develop purchasing policies to reduce the state's environmental impact as a consumer of products and services;
- Adopt a goal of "zero waste" from construction of new buildings and operation and renovation of existing facilities;
- Achieve a paper use reduction goal of 20% by fiscal year 2011-2012 using fiscal year 2005-2006 as a baseline;
- Achieve a reduction of water consumption goal of 10% by fiscal year 2011- 2012, using fiscal year 2005-2006 as a baseline;
- DPA, in cooperation with DPHE, shall develop purchasing policies for selecting environmentally preferable products.

iii. **For vehicle petroleum consumption**

- By June 30, 2012, achieve a 25% volumetric reduction in petroleum consumption by state vehicles measured against a fiscal year 2005-2006 baseline, while increasing energy efficiency of the fleet (excluding vehicles used for law enforcement, emergency response, road maintenance, and highway construction).

- By December 1, 2007, complete a transportation efficiency audit addressing methods for improving the environmental efficiency of the state fleet.

### **3. Duration**

This Executive Order shall remain in force until further modification or rescission by the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State

of Colorado, this 16th day of April 2007.

Bill Ritter, Jr. Governor