

## Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

### Environmental Leadership Policy



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The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (the Department) is committed to administrating comprehensive and credible environmental programs. The Office of Environmental Programs carries out the mission of the Department through the following environmental divisions: Air Pollution Control, Consumer Protection, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management, Water Quality Control and the Sustainability Program (the Divisions).

It shall be the policy of the Divisions to recognize and reward businesses, municipalities and other organizations that are members in good standing of the Department's Environmental Leadership Program and as such, voluntarily demonstrate: (1) superior environmental performance that goes beyond compliance with state and federal environmental laws; and (2) a commitment to continual environmental improvement. The Department's Environmental Leadership Program shall administer this policy.

Through the Environmental Leadership Program, it is the goal of the Department to create partnerships that foster good relationships, reward environmental performance and create a healthier, cleaner and more sustainable Colorado. In order to meet this goal, the Divisions, in cooperation with the Environmental Leadership Program, shall:

- Support and promote leadership principles in the regulated community;
- Offer regulatory and non-regulatory incentives to Environmental Leadership Program members on a case-by-case basis - see attached Environmental Leadership Program Incentives Table 1 (Table 1);
- Integrate environmental leadership principles and incentives into programs and work plans, where appropriate and practical; and
- Work cooperatively with the Environmental Leadership Program to achieve greater environmental results through on-going internal and external leadership efforts.

In addition to the commitments made by the Divisions, the Department and the Environmental Leadership Program shall:

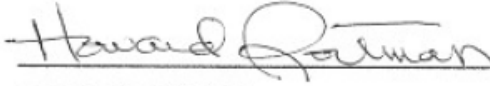
1. Negotiate with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to obtain approval on incentives at the federal level for Environmental Leadership Program members including an allowance for reduced inspections and qualified third-party audits to be considered an inspection for purposes of meeting goals within the Performance Partnership Agreement.

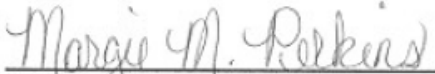
2. Involve the Division Directors in discussions with Environmental Leadership Program members on specific incentives beyond those described in Environmental Leadership Program Incentives Table 1.
3. Provide recognition and assistance to Environmental Leadership Program members to the extent possible and as described in Table 1.
4. Provide training to Division staff on environmental management systems and the Environmental Leadership Program.
5. Collect data and report on progress toward meeting continual environmental goals (as set forth by Environmental Leadership Program members) to the public, to the Executive Director and to the Division Directors.
6. Conduct ongoing marketing efforts to attract more members to the Environmental Leadership Program, including focusing on sectors recommended by the Division Directors.
7. Encourage Environmental Leadership Program members to adopt principles of sustainability.

This policy shall be effective as of the date signed by the Department's Executive Director and shall remain in effect until otherwise noted.

  
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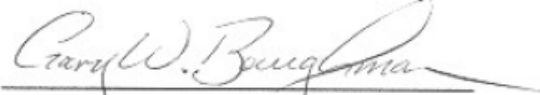
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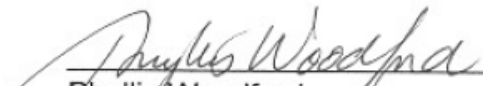
  
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