

**EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS OF
GENERAL APPLICABILITY, AND STATEMENTS
ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR
PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(3)**

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the full-text publication of all Executive Orders and Proclamations of General Applicability issued by the Governor. In addition, the *Register* shall include each statement filed by the Governor in granting a commutation, pardon or reprieve, or stay or suspension of execution where a sentence of death is imposed.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF AIR QUALITY STRATEGIES
TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, the Phoenix metropolitan area has been designated as a "moderate" nonattainment area for ozone pollution by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

WHEREAS, under the 1990 Amendments, "moderate" ozone nonattainment areas must demonstrate that they have met the ozone standard by avoiding violations in 1995 and 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Phoenix metro area experienced 20 exceedances of the ozone standard in 1995; and

WHEREAS, ozone violations result in unhealthful conditions, with threats to the well-being of children, the elderly, and individuals with pre-existing respiratory conditions; and

WHEREAS, reclassification of the Phoenix area to a "serious" classification will result in serious and costly limitations on new economic development and economic expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies, is developing a Voluntary Ozone Reduction Plan to avoid reclassification of the Phoenix area to a "serious" classification; and

WHEREAS, as a result of continued violations of the Particulate Matter Standard, on May 10, 1996, the Environmental Protection Agency published its decision to reclassify the Phoenix Metropolitan Area as a "Serious" nonattainment area; and

WHEREAS, the reclassification to "Serious" on Particulate Matter and the proposed reclassification to "Serious" for Carbon Monoxide will require the development and implementation of new pollution control measures; and

WHEREAS, avoidance of additional violations of the ozone standard through the implementation of new pollution reduction measures will improve the health of area citizens and avoid a "serious" classification of the Phoenix area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona by the Constitution and Laws of the state, do hereby establish the Air Quality Strat-

egies Task Force to:

1. By July 1, 1996, identify both strategies which can be implemented in the summer of 1996 to avoid violations of the ozone standard and the means to implement these measures.
2. By December 1, 1996, identify strategies to further reduce ozone carbon monoxide and particulate matter violations in 1995 and subsequent years for legislative and other considerations.
3. Solicit and receive comments on these strategies from citizens, governmental agencies, and other affected parties.
4. Advocate for, and assist in the adoption and implementation of, these strategies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

FIFE SYMMINGTON
Governor

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this ninth day of September in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twentieth.

ATTEST:

JANE DEE HULL
Secretary of State