



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 11

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY  
WORKING GROUP ON AIR QUALITY**

**WHEREAS**, clean air, a healthy environment and a competitive economy are essential to maintaining a desirable quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, this administration fully appreciates the importance of a strong, healthy, job-creating economy to the citizens of this state and is fully committed to pursuing environmental policies that work both to protect the health of our environment and to foster and support business and job creation; and

**WHEREAS**, air pollution is one of the most serious environmental challenges facing our state and has the potential to adversely impact public health, our environment and our state's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, state government must play a central role in statewide efforts to achieve and maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards ("standards") recently promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, this administration recognizes that the Early Action Compact program recently entered into by many local governments with the United States Environmental Protection Agency is a significant step in helping the state attain the required eight hour ambient air quality standard for ozone; and

**WHEREAS**, this administration firmly believes that the goals of reaching early attainment of the eight hour ambient air quality standard and building and maintaining a healthy economy can and should complement and contribute to each other; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to achieve both of these goals, a greater level of coordination and cooperation is needed from various agencies of state government; and

**WHEREAS**, developing cleaner air in Tennessee will require public and private cooperation and partnerships at the local, state and regional levels.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, do hereby order and direct the following:

The Governor's Interagency Working Group on Air Quality ("Working Group") is hereby established. The Working Group is charged with defining and coordinating the work of the executive branch of state government in partnering with local governments and the business

community to achieve and maintain the eight hour ambient air quality standard across the state while also supporting job creation efforts and building and maintaining a strong, vibrant economy.

In fulfilling its mission the Working Group is authorized to take such action as is needed, including but not limited to:

- Make recommendations to the Governor regarding actions that state government should pursue to help Tennessee strive to achieve and/or maintain the standards.
- Coordinate resources and efforts by each of the agencies to assist local government efforts to achieve and/or maintain the standards.
- Cooperate and provide information and assistance to other state agencies as needed in collecting information, identifying necessary resources and making feasible recommendations regarding policies and actions needed to achieve and or maintain the standards.
- Identify and implement necessary training to be provided by the Department of Environment and Conservation to other state agencies to help increase understanding of air quality issues throughout state government.
- Explore the feasibility and impact of increasing state investment in mass transit and congestion mitigation projects.
- Explore the implementation and increased use of alternative fuels.
- Support and enhance local air quality education programs.
- Make recommendations on actions that state government can take to reduce air emissions that contribute to ozone formation.

1. The Working Group shall consist of the following seven (7) members:
  - a. The Commissioner of Environment and Conservation
  - b. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
  - c. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration or his designate
  - d. The Commissioner of General Services
  - e. The Commissioner of Health
  - f. The Commissioner of Tourist Development
  - g. The Commissioner of Transportation
2. The Commissioner of Environment and Conservation shall serve as chairperson of the Working Group.
3. The Working Group shall meet at such times and places as determined by its chairperson and shall make regular reports to the governor regarding its work.
4. The Governor's Interagency Working Group on Air Quality shall be attached to the Department of Environment and Conservation for administrative purposes.

5. All executive branch departments, agencies, boards and commissions and any other divisions of the executive branch of state government shall fully cooperate with the Governor's Interagency Working Group on Air Quality and shall provide staff support and any other assistance as requested.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2003.

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE