

EXECUTIVE ORDER 96-6

ESTABLISHMENT OF OZONE 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 26 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, 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 Ozone Strategies Task Force:

1. By July 1, 1996, identify strategies which can be implemented in the summer of 1996 to avoid violations of the ozone standard and means to implement these measures.
2. By November 15, 1996, identify strategies to further reduce ozone violations in 1997 and subsequent years.
3. Solicit and received comments on these strategies from citizens, governmental agencies and other affected parties.

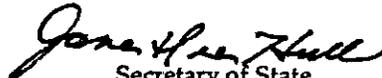
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this Twenty-fourth day of May 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:



Secretary of State

