

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
COLORADO STATE PATROL**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS  
CONCERNING  
CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COSTS OF  
RESPONSE and MITIGATION OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE INCIDENTS**

**STATEMENT OF BASIS, STATUTORY AUTHORITY, AND PURPOSE**

Pursuant to §29-22-104 (6) (A), CRS, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety shall promulgate rules creating a process by which a public entity, political subdivision of the state, or unit of local government claiming reimbursement pursuant to this section must establish that costs attributed to a hazardous substance incident are reasonable, necessary and documented.

Pursuant to §29-22-104 (6) (b), CRS, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety shall also promulgate rules and regulations creating a process by which the parties involved in a dispute may access and receive assistance from qualified, knowledgeable persons able to perform the role of a voluntary ombudsman, mediator, or arbitrator to resolve disputed claims for reimbursement of costs resulting from response to a hazardous substance incident.

These rules are being amended as a consequence of routine department rule review to assess continued viability, applicability and effectiveness of these rules. As a consequence of this review, minor corrections, including grammatical errors that are being addressed.

It has been declared by the General Assembly that the creating and establishing of these processes for hazardous incident claims for reimbursement is a matter of statewide concern. The absence of implementing rules to carry out the purpose of the statutes would be contrary to the peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state. For these reasons, it is necessary that these amended rules be adopted.



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Stan Hilkey, Executive Director  
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Date of Adoption