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Environmental Council of the States (ECOS)

ECOS to Host Broad-Based Meeting on Water, Air, and Energy Innovation

Washington, DC – The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) will convene a wide-ranging gathering in Washington, DC, to discuss innovative water, air, and energy advancements and opportunities at the state level. ECOS' July 21 State Environmental Protection (STEP) Meeting, *Making Connections: Water, Air, and Energy Innovation*, will provide a joint forum for state environmental agency leaders and other interested parties to address the topics of natural gas and its impact on air and water quality and availability, drinking water, wastewater, energy infrastructure, clean energy opportunities, and innovative state responses to a wide array of issues.

The ECOS STEP Meeting is the first and only national forum geared toward state and territorial environmental commissioners, who are responsible for managing air and water quality issues under the Federal Clean Air and Water Acts.

State environmental commissioners will moderate and fully participate in the day's events along with experts from industry, academia, nonprofits, the legal community, and federal agencies. Discussions and presentations will cover state and federal perspectives during each roundtable discussion. The day will feature Melanie Kenderdine, Director of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis and Energy Counselor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, as the morning keynoter, and former Colorado Governor Bill Ritter as the guest during the luncheon dialogue.

"State leaders are on the forefront of many critical issues and the solutions that must be found," says ECOS President Martha Rudolph, Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment. "The ECOS STEP Meeting provides a high-level forum for state leaders to address current issues facing our nation in a way that no other meeting does."

ECOS is the national nonprofit, nonpartisan association of state and territorial environmental commissioners. For more information on the meeting, see: <http://www.ecos.org/event/2016-state-environmental-protection-step-meeting-focused-on-the-waterenergyair-emissions-nexus/>. Press should contact Sarah Grace Longworth at slongworth@ecos.org by close of business today to arrange complimentary attendance.