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As certified by
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STATE AND FEDERAL SUPPORT OF THE INTERSTATE TECHNOLOGY & REGULATORY COUNCIL (ITRC)

WHEREAS, the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC) is a program of ECOS that works with a national network to eliminate barriers to the use of innovative environmental technologies and approaches and maximize state resources; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Research Institute of the States (ERIS), the research and education arm of ECOS, has organizational and management responsibility for the ITRC program; and

WHEREAS, the ITRC mission is consistent with the missions of both ERIS and ECOS; and

WHEREAS, states have established ITRC – a unique partnership among states, federal partners, industry, academics, and public/tribal stakeholders – to increase technical capacity and reduce barriers to the widespread use of innovative environmental technologies and approaches; and

WHEREAS, ITRC is a state-led program with voting members who are staff from the state and territorial environmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, 50 state environmental agencies, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia are members of ITRC, and all U.S. states and territories benefit from the guidance documents and free training courses produced by ITRC; and

WHEREAS, state environmental agencies are responsible for assuring public health and environmental protection and for implementing environmental regulatory programs at numerous federal facilities and privately owned sites; and

WHEREAS, ITRC annually reviews and selects new environmental projects that reflect the current needs of state and territorial environmental regulators and supporting federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, ITRC has built a viable, extensive network of more than 1,400 state, territorial, and federal environmental regulators, federal agency officials, industry representatives, public/tribal stakeholders, and academics that contribute to ITRC projects; and

WHEREAS, ITRC serves as a valuable forum for states and territories to share technical information not

only among each other, but also with responsible parties and stakeholders in a non-adversarial, consensus based environment; and

WHEREAS, state and territorial participants commit their time to ITRC with the consent and support of their state or territorial agency that is a member of ECOS; and

WHEREAS, the use of innovative technologies and approaches can often speed environmental protection at a lower cost; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this resolution, ITRC has produced 140 technical documents that have reduced the regulatory burden on states, territories, and the regulated community and promoted more efficient environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this resolution, ITRC has provided classes on more than 95 environmental topics since 1997 and has trained more than 176,000 participants; and

WHEREAS, more than 60,000 of those trained free of charge by ITRC are state, territorial, or local environmental staff; and

WHEREAS, ITRC has documented hundreds of cases where ITRC products or services have resulted in time and/or cost savings at sites and where regulatory programs have made institutional changes that permanently remove barriers to the use of innovative technologies and approaches; and

WHEREAS, all of the ITRC products, services, and processes increase technical capacity in states and territories, maximizing limited resources and facilitating expedited quality decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Energy (DOE), and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have been long-term and fundamental supporters of the ITRC mission; and

WHEREAS, ITRC has demonstrated its benefits to federal partners by producing guidance streamlining the time required for regulatory review of emerging environmental approaches and technologies, identifying new solutions to complex problems, and reducing compliance costs through these innovations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE STATES (ECOS):

Pledges its support for the ITRC mission and the program's continued success;

Acknowledges that ITRC's free training program, which has already trained nearly 200,000 people, is a valuable resource that all states should include in their training programs;

Endorses ITRC as a mechanism for assisting state environmental agencies in gaining valuable technical knowledge and developing consistent regulatory approaches for reviewing and implementing innovative environmental technologies;

Supports ITRC's efforts to focus not only on environmental cleanup, but also on proactive solutions to air, water, and waste challenges;

Commends the state and territorial staff and members of ITRC for their significant progress in promoting environmental best practices;

Supports state and territorial use of ITRC guidance documents and fact sheets, and encourages state and territorial participation in ITRC online and classroom training events;

Encourages state and territorial environmental agency leadership and participation in ITRC;

Encourages states and territories to appoint an ITRC Point of Contact (POC) and support this POC's efforts to communicate information about ITRC across state and territorial programs and communicate state and territorial priorities back to ITRC to help guide the organization;

Encourages ITRC to collaborate with other state organizations, such as the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials, where coordination strengthens support for ITRC technical teams and ITRC classroom training and fosters the sharing of innovative technology information; and

Appreciates DOD, DOE, and EPA's long-standing support of ITRC.