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Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)

DES is participating in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) with other Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States. A major goal of RGGI is to develop a model regional cap-and-trade program (rule) to reduce emissions of CO₂ from power plants across the region.

For Public Comment: [DRAFT Economic Impacts in NH of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative](#), an independent assessment (Gittell and Magnusson, October, 2007).

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The public comment period will end at close of business on October 31, 2007. Please e-mail comments to Profs. Ross Gittell at ross.gittell@unh.edu and/or Matt Magnusson at magnusson3@yahoo.com

- 9th NH RGGI Stakeholders Meeting
 - **Presentations:**

[Strategies for Adaptation and Climate Vulnerability - Joel M. Harrington The Nature Conservancy of New Hampshire](#)

[Building Solutions for Climate Change - Dick Henry The Jordan Institute](#)

[Energy Code Compliance Support - Wes Golomb NHCTI](#)

[Energy Savings and GHG Reductions from Low Income Energy Efficiency Programs in New Hampshire - Meredith Hatfield Office of Consumer Advocate](#)

[New Hampshire's Energy Efficiency Programs - Gil Gelineau PSNH](#)

- [8th NH Stakeholder Meeting - UNH Economic Study Overview](#)
 - **Presentation of 10/3/2007 draft report:**

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- [7th NH Stakeholder Meeting on the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and Reduction Strategies for New Hampshire, December 14, 2006](#)
 - Notice of Meeting with Background on RGGI Model Rule Development
 - **Presentations:**
 - [Public Service of NH presentation](#)
 - [Granite Ridge Allowance Allocations Analysis](#)
 - [Allocation of CO2 Allowances to Electricity Generators, Newington Energy LLC Position](#)
 - [Cap and Trade Architecture –Lessons for RGGI and NH, Richard Cowart, Regulatory Assistance Project](#)
 - [Energy Efficient Opportunities for NH Under RGGI, Jim O'Reilly, Northeast Energy Efficient Partnerships \(NEEP\)](#)
 - [National Grid presentation](#)
 - [Business and Industry Association presentation, Michael Giaimo](#)
 - [Why RGGI Allowances Should be Used to Benefit Consumers, Marc Breslow, New England Climate Coalition and Massachusetts Climate Action Network](#)
 - **Comments:**
 - [AMC's final comments for the RGGI modeling scenarios](#)
 - [RGGI Economic Impact Modeling Scenarios; Jim Rubens](#)
 - [Evolution Markets, Inc. Testimony before the New York State Department for Environmental Conservation](#)
- * [6th NH Stakeholder Meeting, October 24, 2006](#)
- [Scenario Planning slides](#)

The Maryland RGGI Study web site is now live at www.cier.umd.edu/RGGI. The site contains detailed information related to the RGGI study, including a summary of the modeling assumptions, descriptions of the models, and a list of key project team members.
- [5th NH Stakeholder Meeting, March 29, 2006](#)
 - Presentation on Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Draft Model Rule Overview
- [4th Stakeholder Meeting](#) – September 12, 2005
- [Elements of Staff Working Group Revised Proposal](#) – Aug. 24, 2005
- [Flow Chart with Revised Recommendations](#)
- [Mayors Letter of Support for RGGI](#)

How can stakeholders participate in RGGI?

Stakeholder involvement in the development of the program, both at the regional and state levels, is crucial

to its success. Regional stakeholder involvement is comprehensive and includes the posting of draft documents on the RGGI website (www.rggi.org) for comment, and stakeholder notification of important events through the Listserv located on that website. The regional stakeholder group serves as an important sounding board for the RGGI staff representatives as the program is designed. In addition to this regional stakeholder process, each state plans to implement its own state-specific stakeholder process as appropriate. States are supplementing the regional stakeholder group process by bringing back information and disseminating it to state stakeholder groups at the local level through meetings and other communication opportunities.

DES is planning to propose a program to achieve legislatively required CO₂ reductions from power plants in New Hampshire through a market-based cap-and-trade program. New Hampshire's proposed program may be based on the RGGI model rule. Prior to proposing a program, DES wants to obtain feedback from New Hampshire stakeholders. DES held its first stakeholder meeting in October, 2004, to provide background information on requirements relative to CO₂ emissions reductions from power plants, the RGGI model rule, and related legislative and rulemaking processes and to receive input from New Hampshire stakeholders. DES held a second stakeholder meeting in January, 2005, to initiate discussion on key model rule design issues and to provide more information on the model rule. Two presentations were made during the meeting by groups that have been actively involved in the regional stakeholder process:

[Presentation by Environment Northeast](#) (a regional environmental organization)

[Environment Northeast Draft Model Rule Memo](#)
(includes a model rule outline, key issues and next steps for modeling)

[Presentation by the Northeast Regional Greenhouse Gas Coalition](#) (a coalition of companies, including utilities that may be regulated by the program and sources that may voluntarily generate offsets that could be used by utilities for compliance flexibility)

As of January, 2005, DES has no final formal position on these issues, and DES plans to consider these presentations along with comments from New Hampshire stakeholders as it develops its position. DES held a third meeting in March, 2005, to review preliminary electricity sector modeling results. The

presentation made at that meeting is linked below:

[Presentation for Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative](#) (RGGI) 3rd NH Stakeholders Meeting:
Preliminary Electricity Sector Modeling Results - Carbon Policy Scenarios and Sensitivities

[The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative \(RGGI\) Staff Working Group \(SWG\) Package Proposal](#)
RGGI 4th Stakeholder Meeting - Presentation from meeting held on September 12, 2005

[Allocation of CO2 Allowances to Electricity Generators](#) (7th Stakeholder Meeting)

Future meetings will be scheduled on an as-needed basis. For information on RGGI, contact Joe Fontaine, Air Resources Division, (603) 271-6794 or jfontaine@des.state.nh.us.

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