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***North American greenhouse gas registry adopts emissions reporting guidelines  
for local governments***

**Local Government Operations Protocol establishes highest standards for consistent  
emissions reporting among all North American local governments**

(June 30, 2009 – Los Angeles, CA) The Climate Registry, the standards-setting organization for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in North America, has released its newly adopted Local Government Operations (LGO) Protocol, giving local governments a valuable tool for consistent and rigorous GHG emissions reporting. By utilizing the protocol to measure and report their emissions to The Registry, local governments can create emissions inventories that not only meet the highest standards of reporting and verification but also are comparable with other local government emissions inventories.

The LGO Protocol can be used without the supplement of any other reporting protocols. It addresses local governments' specific processes for measuring emissions from the activities and facilities that fall under their jurisdictions, including transit fleets, vehicle fleets, power generation facilities, port facilities, airport facilities, street lights and traffic signals, water delivery facilities, waste water facilities, solid waste facilities, buildings and other facilities and other fugitive emissions. The protocol was jointly created between The Climate Registry, the California Climate Action Registry, California Air Resources Board (CARB) and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability.

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“Local governments play an important and visible role in climate change leadership. ICLEI strongly endorses local governments to use the highest standards provided in the Local Government Operations Protocol to accurately and comprehensively measure their greenhouse gas emissions,” said Michelle Wyman, Executive Director of ICLEI USA. “These standards are imperative to establish integrity in emissions reporting and local climate action.”

The protocol was unanimously adopted by The Registry’s Board of Directors, which includes 41 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, 12 Canadian provinces and territories, six Mexican states and four Native Sovereign Nations. Each of these jurisdictions supports its local governments in utilizing the protocol to measure and report their emissions inventories. The protocol also has support already from local governments that were involved with the protocol development and plan to use it for measuring and reporting their emissions.

“The City of Austin is a strong advocate for local governments taking environmental leadership, and it has been an early adopter of many pioneering climate action initiatives, including comprehensive GHG emissions reporting. The City of Austin worked hard to be one of the first cities in the nation to report under The Climate Registry’s Local Government Operations Protocol because we think it is extremely important to have a protocol that is specific to local government operations. The Climate Registry provides an important and common platform that helps ensure integrity and transparency in GHG reporting,” said Jake Stewart, Program Manager at Austin Energy in Texas.

In addition to the LGO Protocol, The Climate Registry has a General Reporting Protocol (GRP) that establishes standards for all entities to measure and report their GHG emissions. The organization has already been recognized by federal, regional and state governments for the transparency, rigor and comprehensiveness of its standards.

“All feedback we’ve received indicates the Local Government Operations Protocol will become a widely adopted and valuable tool for local governments to achieve transparency, rigor and

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comprehensiveness in their emissions reporting. Utilizing it will enable them to adhere to the highest standards currently available and will assist them in contributing to their state, provincial and national climate change goals,” said Diane Wittenberg, Executive Director of The Climate Registry.

For additional information on the LGO Protocol, please visit

[www.theclimateregistry.org/resources/protocols/local-government-operations-protocol/](http://www.theclimateregistry.org/resources/protocols/local-government-operations-protocol/).

#### **About The Climate Registry**

The Climate Registry is a nonprofit collaboration among North American states, provinces, territories and Native Sovereign Nations that sets consistent and transparent standards to calculate, verify and publicly report greenhouse gas emissions into a single registry. The Registry supports both voluntary and mandatory reporting programs and provides comprehensive, accurate data to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Please visit [www.theclimateregistry.org](http://www.theclimateregistry.org).

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