



The Climate Registry

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Doug Scott of Illinois EPA elected Chair of The Climate Registry Board of Directors

North American climate leaders appointed to the Executive Committee of leading registry for GHG emissions

(June 2, 2009 – Chicago, IL) The Climate Registry, a standards-setting organization for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reporting in North America, today elected new officers. The election, which was held at The Registry’s Board of Directors annual meeting in Chicago, resulted in Doug Scott, Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), taking the seat of Board Chair.

Scott brings an exemplary history of leadership in environmental issues to guide The Registry through its ongoing work in voluntary emissions reporting and its support of regulated emissions reporting. Since becoming Director of Illinois EPA, the nation’s oldest state environmental agency, in 2005, Scott has negotiated for huge reductions in emissions from coal-fired power plants, supported wind power and other alternative energy and fuel sources, and worked with the Midwestern Governor’s Association to develop a regional cap-and-trade system.

“Illinois was involved with the original formation of The Climate Registry, and since that point, the state has taken an active role in the organization’s development. Establishing consistent and comprehensive standards for GHG emissions reporting across North America is important for the

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Midwest. Midwestern communities and industries are being affected by the implications of climate change, and The Climate Registry is one of the most effective solutions we have to address this situation,” said Scott.

Scott replaces outgoing Chair Gina McCarthy, Commissioner of Connecticut’s Department of Environmental Protection. McCarthy helped establish a high level of prominence and excellence in leadership from The Registry’s Executive Committee. U.S. President Barack Obama tapped her to serve as the Assistant Administrator of Air and Radiation for the U.S. EPA. Also tapped by President Obama was Steve Owens, former Registry Executive Committee member and Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. Owens was nominated to serve as Assistant Administrator for the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

Scott’s supporting Executive Committee members represent The Climate Registry’s extensive geographic coverage and purpose of providing consistent GHG emissions reporting standards across the continent. They include:

- Vice Chair, Eileen Tutt (Deputy Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency)
- Vice Chair, James Colman (Assistant Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection)
- Secretary, James Martin (Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment)
- Treasurer, Jim Norton (Director of New Mexico’s Environmental Protection Division)
- At Large Member, Steve Anderson (Executive Director of British Columbia’s Climate Change and Intergovernmental Relations)
- At Large Member, David Littell (Commissioner of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection)
- At Large Member, Carol Couch (Director of Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources)
- At Large Member, David Thornton (Assistant Commissioner of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency)

“The distinguished representatives on the committee have worked to establish innovative climate change policies in their jurisdictions. Their unified collaboration will facilitate The Registry’s growth and commitment to standardize GHG reporting in North America,” said Diane Wittenberg, Executive Director of The Climate Registry.

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The Climate Registry represents a strong, unified voice for all North American jurisdictions to influence climate change solutions on every level from international to local. Sitting on its Board of Directors are 41 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, 12 Canadian provinces and territories, six Mexican states and four Native Sovereign Nations. These jurisdictions guide The Registry in developing standards for the calculation, verification and public reporting of comprehensive and accurate GHG emissions data throughout North America in a single registry.

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.

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