



The Climate Registry

Frequently Asked Questions about Membership

What is Membership?

It is an entry level category of membership with The Climate Registry. It allows organizations to increase their capacity for building a high quality, cost effective GHG emissions inventory by accessing The Registry's tools, expertise, and leadership community. Third party verification and public reporting are not required, but will always be encouraged.

Why is The Climate Registry introducing this new category of membership?

Through this new member category, The Registry hopes to get more organizations involved with reporting and managing their GHG emissions.

What are the benefits to my organization of being a Member?

A high quality GHG inventory will be an essential tool in managing your carbon risks, reducing your energy costs, and providing credible environmental data to your stakeholders.

Members have access to:

- Guidance on building a high quality, cost-effective GHG inventory
- Step by step assistance with measurement, reporting and verification
- The Registry's online calculation and reporting tools
- Training and technical support
- Policy updates from our Governmental Board members
- A community of leaders from industry and government

What do we have to do as a Member?

Members are required to use The Registry's protocols to quantify their emissions; where The Registry does not have reporting requirements, industry best practices must be used and specified.

Does our GHG inventory have to be third party verified?

No. Third party verification is encouraged as it ensures the accuracy and credibility of your inventory, but it is not required in Membership.

Do we have access to The Climate Registry Information System (the online calculation and reporting tool)?

Yes.

What do we have to report?

There is no requirement to publicly report your data in Membership. However, Members may choose to publish their GHG data on their own company websites and may indicate they are a Climate Registry Member. They can use The Climate Registry logo, except with respect to their data.

The Climate Registry will have a page dedicated to Registry Members, with links back to the company websites.

If my organization has reported and third party verified its GHG inventory ie been Climate Registered in the past, but then drops down to Basic Membership, can we become Climate Registered again in the future?

Absolutely. Once you report and third party verify an inventory in accordance with The Registry's General Reporting Protocol, you are automatically Climate Registered. However, if you wanted your earlier inventory to be considered your first year of reporting with The Registry, you would have to go back and report and third party verify the inventories in the intervening years as well.