



The Climate Registry

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***State voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry fills gap as Climate Leaders program is phased out by US EPA***

(September 16, 2010 – Los Angeles, CA) The Climate Registry (The Registry), governed and supported by 41 US states and DC, welcomes members of EPA’s Climate Leaders program following EPA’s announcement that it will be phasing out its voluntary GHG reporting program.

EPA indicated that it will encourage companies currently participating in Climate Leaders to transition to state-backed or non-governmental programs. The Registry’s voluntary program is the only program in North America that is supported by state governments; the Registry is renowned for its high quality and expert technical assistance.

“The Climate Registered program is the perfect alternative for members of the Climate Leaders program,” said Doug Scott, Chairman of The Climate Registry and Commissioner of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. “The program is unique in that it has the support of state governments. We are interested in pursuing a joint state-federal awards program and we look forward to discussions with EPA to create one.”

“We hope all the EPA Climate Leaders will join the over 430 current Registry reporters,” said Mary Nichols, Chair of the California Air Resources Board, and a member of the Registry’s Executive Committee.

Last year, The Registry launched its leadership recognition program, Climate Registered, which bestows Climate Registered Silver, Gold and Platinum status on organizations that achieve certain reduction goals.

The reduction program is currently in a 12 month pilot phase, with Charter Members pledging to achieve up to 30% in emission reductions by December 2010. The Registry also offers a Basic Membership option, which allows organizations to become familiar with GHG emissions measurement and management without having to third party verify or publicly report their emissions.

Former Climate Leaders members who are also Climate Registry members include Alcoa, Allergan, Eastman Kodak, Virgin America, Raytheon, Brown Forman and Johnson & Johnson.

“By measuring and reducing our carbon footprint through the Climate Registered program, we can demonstrate that we are serious about our commitment to the health, safety, and well-being of the people who put their trust in our products,” said Mike Whaley, Senior Director, Environmental Health and Safety & Administrative Services, Allergan. “The Registry supports not only what we do now, but the kind of leader we want to be in the future.”

### **About The Climate Registry**

The Climate Registry is a non-profit organization that operates the only voluntary carbon footprint registry in North America supported by states, provinces, territories and tribes. The Climate Registry helps hundreds of public and private organizations measure, report and reduce their GHG emissions with integrity. For more information see [www.theclimater registry.org](http://www.theclimater registry.org)

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