



The Climate Registry

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **The Climate Registry Names Eastern Director**

Washington, D.C.— The Climate Registry announced that it has appointed Denise Sheehan, a former Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as its Eastern Director. Sheehan will work with east coast states and companies to support common greenhouse gas (GHG) reporting standards to set a strong foundation for future GHG policies. As Eastern Director, Sheehan will also work closely with the federal government, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Congress to insure harmonized GHG reporting.

The Climate Registry, a non-profit organization, is the leading greenhouse gas registry in North America. Thirty-nine U.S. states, nine Canadian provinces, six Mexican states, three Indian tribes, and the District of Columbia have joined together to establish The Climate Registry with the goal of setting consistent and transparent standards for the calculation, verification and public reporting of greenhouse gas emissions throughout North America in a single unified registry.

Sheehan's twenty years serving in New York State government include nine years with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, two of which she served as its Commissioner. As Commissioner, Sheehan successfully led the negotiations for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), an initiative among ten northeast states to establish the nation's first market-based cap-and-trade program for carbon dioxide emissions. Sheehan also spearheaded state efforts to protect open space, improve air and water quality and revitalize brownfields.

"The Climate Registry is excited to have Ms. Sheehan aboard. As more and more businesses and government agencies throughout the east step up to bring solutions to climate change issues, Ms. Sheehan's work with The Climate Registry will be instrumental in helping them lead in this critical effort," said Gina

McCarthy, chair of The Climate Registry's Board of Directors and Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

Sheehan holds a Master of Public Administration degree and a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science from the State University of New York. She is the recipient of the Distinguished Alumna Award in Public Administration and Policy from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy.

### **About The Climate Registry**

The Climate Registry is a collaboration between states, provinces and tribes that sets consistent and transparent standards for the calculation, verification, and public reporting of greenhouse gas emissions throughout North America in a single unified registry. The Registry is a non-profit organization that supports both voluntary and mandatory reporting programs, provides meaningful data to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and embodies the highest levels of environmental integrity. For more information please visit, [www.TheClimateRegistry.org](http://www.TheClimateRegistry.org).