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The Climate Registry Reaches Agreement on General Reporting Protocol

North America's Largest Climate Change Organization sets standards; Encourages Founding Reporters to Join by May 1st

Washington, DC – The Climate Registry – North America's largest climate change organization - announced today an agreement among its member states and provinces for standards governing a voluntary program for measuring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions. The General Reporting Protocol is a comprehensive methodology outlining how greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions will be voluntarily reported by organizations which participate in The Climate Registry program.

The Climate Registry board of directors represents thirty nine U.S. States, seven Canadian Provinces, six Mexican States, three native tribes, and the District of Columbia.

Seventy five leading corporations, non-profit organizations, cities and counties are currently reporting their greenhouse gas emission to The Climate Registry and are considered environmental leaders for their early voluntary action on climate change.

The General Reporting Protocol is significant because it defines a comprehensive methodology to calculate, verify, and publicly report greenhouse gas emissions. The protocol document incorporates public comments from workshops conducted throughout North America.

"This is a historic milestone that establishes a common currency from which true reductions will be measured," said Gina McCarthy, Commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection and Chair of the board of The Climate Registry.

Organizations that join The Climate Registry before May 1st will be considered Founding Reporters and will receive continued recognition for their outstanding environmental leadership.

The Registry has created a common standard for measuring, reporting and verifying GHG emissions which is consistent across industry sectors and borders. The Registry's database can help implement mandatory and market based programs as well.

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THE CLIMATE REGISTRY'S carbon accounting standards provide accurate, complete, consistent, transparent, comparable and verified GHG reporting. For more information visit: www.theclimateregistry.org

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