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### State leaders, stakeholders gather for Climate Policy Forum in Tampa Feb 3

Continuing its successful series, The Climate Registry will be hosting its Climate Policy Forum: Charting the Path Ahead in Tampa February 3. The event is very timely as the Obama administration is set to chart a course for a federal cap-and-trade system while state and regional mandatory reporting programs continue development. State leaders and representatives from business, organizations and academia will gather to take the year's first look at climate policy from a regional perspective. Confirmed speakers include:

**Carol Couch**, Dir. of Georgia Environmental Protection Division

**Onis "Trey" Glenn**, Dir. of Alabama Dept. of Environmental Management

**Leonard Peters**, Secretary, Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet

**Nikki Rovner**, Dpty Secretary, Virginia Dept. of Natural Resources

**Renee Shealy**, Assistant Chief, South Carolina Dept. of Health and Environmental Control

**Michael Sole**, Secretary, Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection

**Eddie Terrell**, Dir. of Oklahoma Dept. of Environmental Quality

**Randy Armstrong**, Environmental Issues Dir., Shell

**Susan Glickman**, Southern Regional Dir. of The Climate Group

**Bill Holman**, Dir. of State Policy, Nicholas Institute at Duke University

**Chris Lupo**, General Manager, NSF

**Eliot Metzger**, Research Analyst, WRI

**Stephen Smith**, Exec Dir., Southern Alliance for Clean Energy

There are only two weeks left to register for the Climate Policy Forum in Tampa. To register, please click [here](#). To learn more about the forum, please click [here](#).

The Climate Registry will be continuing the series with forums in [Denver](#) and [Columbus, Ohio](#) to look at climate policy in the West and Midwest, respectively. If you have questions about attending any of the forums, please contact [Anja Gilbert](#). If you would like to sponsor the forums, please contact [Kati Price](#).

## **New Members!**

The Registry proudly recognizes its Members joining in December and January!

[California Department of Finance](#)

[California Military Department](#)

[City of Seattle](#)

**EcoAsset Solutions**

[Environmental Incentives, LLC](#)

[Global Energy Partners, LLC](#)

[Jazz Semiconductor](#)

[Kaiser Permanente](#)

[L2i Financial Solutions Consultant](#)

[Landtec North America, Inc.](#)

[Millennium Consulting Association](#)

[PTI Technologies, Inc.](#)

[Rainbow Disposal](#)

[San Diego Gas and Electric](#)

[San Lorenzo Valley Water District](#)

[Southern California Gas Company](#)

[Tamalpais Community Service District](#)

## **Registry Directors state position on federal reporting programs**

At its board meeting January 14, The Climate Registry's Board of Directors unanimously adopted a policy regarding federal reporting programs in North America. The board strongly endorses that any federal greenhouse gas (GHG) reporting and regulatory programs in North America should partner with The Climate Registry as a cost effective central repository or clearinghouse for reporting and/or tracking GHG data.

At a minimum, every federal GHG reporting program must:

- 1) utilize GHG calculation and accounting methodologies that are consistent with The Climate Registry's standards
- 2) allow states, provinces, territories and Native Sovereign Nations to collect data for federal program requirements
- 3) maintain state, provincial and Native Sovereign Nations' abilities to require reporting to their respective jurisdictions or directly to The Registry, for emissions reporting that is above or beyond, but not inconsistent with, federal requirements

Additionally, the Board of Directors agreed to encourage EPA, Environment Canada and Semarnat to work in partnership with each other, states, provinces and Native Sovereign Nations on GHG reporting as well as on broader climate policies and programs.

Board members will use the position paper in their communications with their respective federal governments.

## **Member Services Update**

Members of The Climate Registry now have access to a number of new resources on the Registry website.

- [CRIS User Guide for Entity Administrators](#)
- [CRIS FAQs](#)
- [Reporting FAQs](#)
- [Verification FAQs](#)
- [Guidance on Verification Cost Factors](#)

The Climate Registry also is pleased to announce the addition of a new and valuable team member, Mauricio Mesones. As a Senior Program Associate, Mauricio assists Members in the creation of GHG inventories and provides technical guidance to Registry staff on implementing protocols.

Prior to joining The Registry, Mauricio worked as an environmental consultant. He has assisted a variety of clients with air emissions calculations, regulatory air compliance, energy efficiency and environmental health and safety issues. Key areas of expertise include industrial operations within the manufacturing, mining, metallurgical and water treatment sectors.

[Terra Global Capital, LLC](#)

[The College of Southern Idaho](#)

**The First Descendants of Phillips Family Trust**

**Towne Exploration Company**

[Turlock Irrigation District](#)

[Union of Concerned Scientists](#)

[Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems](#)

[US Power Generating Company](#)

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## **Important Dates and Events**

[January 26-29: 19th National Energy Services Conference & Expo](#)

[February 1-4: EUEC \(The Climate Registry sessions\)](#)

[February 3: Southeast Climate Policy Forum \(Tampa, FL\)](#)

[February 11: Building an Inventory for Registry](#)

Mauricio holds a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the Cayetano-Heredia University of Peru. Mauricio can be reached at [mauricio@theclimateregistry.org](mailto:mauricio@theclimateregistry.org).

## **Join the Members Only Meeting Feb 18**

Join Diane Wittenberg, Executive Director of The Climate Registry, and Gina McCarthy, Registry Chair and Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, for a Members-only online meeting that will include The Registry's goals for 2009, updates on Registry events and initiatives and regional and national policy insights from Registry Board Members. Time will also be provided for feedback and questions from Registry Members.

Featured panelists include:

- Janice Adair, Special Assistant, Washington Department of Ecology
- Steve Anderson, Executive Director, Climate Change and Intergovernmental Relations for British Columbia
- Vince Hellwig, Director Air Quality Division, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

The meeting will take place 11:00 am - 2:00 pm PST. Please note it is only open to Registry Members. If you are interested in becoming a Member, please visit [The Climate Registry's website](#).

## **Policy Developments**

### **Local Government Operations Protocol**

The Registry's Local Government Operations Workgroup, Solid Waste Technical Panel and Wastewater Technical Panels have reviewed a preliminary draft of The Registry's appendix to the Local Government Operations Protocol. The appendix will be released for public comment in February 2009. Please contact [Peggy Foran](mailto:peggy@theclimateregistry.org) (peggy@theclimateregistry.org) if you have any questions about The Registry's Local Government Operations Appendix, the workgroup or either of the technical panels.

### **Electric Power Sector Protocol**

December marked a busy month for the Electric Power Sector Protocol development. The Electric Power Sector Protocol Workgroup convened for an all day meeting in Dallas, Texas on December 11, having had several subgroup conference calls leading up to the meeting. The workgroup reviewed a preliminary working draft of the Electric Power Sector Protocol, with particular discussion devoted to issues such as reporting transmission and distribution emissions, characterizing emissions associated with purchased power, efficiency metrics and green power reporting, among others.

The Registry held a webinar for the Electric Power Sector Technical Expert Panel to introduce them to the preliminary working draft of the protocol. The Technical Expert Panel is currently reviewing the working draft.

## [Reporting](#)

[February 11: Using CRIS to Report Your GHG Emissions](#)

[February 12: Introduction to The Climate Registry](#)

[February 18: Members Only Meeting \(online\)](#)

[February 19: Building a Verifiable Inventory](#)

[February 26: Western Climate Policy Forum \(Denver, CO\)](#)

[March 11: Midwest Climate Policy Forum \(Columbus, OH\)](#)

[April 1-3: Navigating the American Carbon World \(San Diego, CA\)](#)

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The Registry, its contractor and the work group will continue to refine the protocol in early February, aiming to release a draft for public comment on February 23.

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### **Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Protocol**

The Registry is partnering with the Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP), the California Air Resources Board and the New Mexico Environment Department to develop an industry-specific reporting protocol for the oil and gas exploration and production sector. The technical contractor team (SAIC and Environ) hired by the partners to assist in development of the protocol has begun work on a background and scoping paper that will help to guide the process. The Technical Workgroup (TWG) that will provide key input throughout the process met via teleconference in December to discuss the outline for the background paper. The next stage of the process will see the technical contractor evaluate quantification methodologies for common sources in this sector. The TWG is slated to have its first in person meeting on February 12-13 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

For those interested in following the process, updates and background documents will be posted on the partner's project [web page](http://www.wrapair.org/ClimateChange/GHGProtocol/index.html) (http://www.wrapair.org/ClimateChange/GHGProtocol/index.html) on a regular basis. Interested parties may also volunteer to participate on the Protocol Advisory Group. Please contact [Tom Moore](mailto:TomMoore@cira.colostate.edu) with the WRAP (MooreT@cira.colostate.edu) if you are interested in participating.

### **Six Verification Bodies accredited by ANSI, recognized by The Registry**

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited the following six organizations on December 1, 2008 to conduct GHG inventory verification services for Members of The Climate Registry:

- Advanced Waste Management (AWM)
- Bureau Veritas Certification North America (BVC-NC)
- First Environment, Inc.
- NSF International Strategic Registrations (NSF-ISR)
- Ryerson, Master and Associates, Inc. (RMA)
- SGS Environmental Services, Inc. (SGS)

These Verification Bodies are the first to be accredited under ANSI's Accreditation Program for Greenhouse Gas Validation/Verification Bodies, which was launched as a pilot program in February 2008. Nearly 30 additional bodies enrolled during the pilot will continue in the accreditation process. Members of The Climate Registry may use these ANSI-accredited Verification Bodies to meet the verification requirements of The Climate Registry's voluntary reporting program.

In order to attain accreditation, these Verification Bodies completed a thorough assessment process in which they demonstrated their independence, impartiality and competence to successfully verify GHG emission inventories. ANSI's evaluation process included reviewing a Verification Body's management systems and internal procedures, as well as participating

in a facility visit to observe how verification services were provided to a client.

## The Cool Planet Corner

Cool Planet Project, which highlights the relationship between energy efficiency and GHG reductions, will be presented to thousands of professionals at the 12th Annual Energy & Environment Conference & Expo (EUEC) February 2-3. The event will explore securing America's energy independence, energy efficiency and renewables and climate change strategies and carbon risk management.

Nancy Whalen, Director of The Registry's North American Energy Efficiency Program (aka Cool Planet Project), will present on Tuesday, February 3 during the Energy Efficiency program track. Cost-effective energy efficiency will play an increasingly significant role in tackling climate change, especially in an economic downturn. Leadership has jumped on the band wagon as well, as we see stronger efficient technology standards and building codes written into climate change legislation across the country and the incoming Obama administration promoting energy efficiency and conservation as a top priority.

Joel Levin, VP Business Development, will also speak at EUEC about GHG reporting and the role of registries throughout North America on Monday, February 2 during the Regional Climate Initiatives program track. For more information, please visit [www.euec.com](http://www.euec.com).

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