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EPA Releases Draft Mandatory GHG Emissions Reporting Rule

The US EPA released a draft rule for mandatory greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reporting on March 10, 2009. With the release of the draft rule, EPA has taken a first step towards mandatory reporting of GHG emissions.

As proposed, the EPA draft rule would place new mandatory reporting requirements on major source facilities operating in the US to report their GHG emissions. The new requirements would apply to suppliers of fossil fuel and industrial chemicals, manufacturers of motor vehicles and engines, as well as large direct emitters of GHGs with direct emissions equal to or greater than a threshold of 25,000 metric tons of CO₂e per year. Other sources covered under the rule include: cement production, iron and steel production, and electricity generation, among others. According to EPA, approximately 13,000 facilities would be covered under the proposal. The first annual emissions report would be due to EPA in 2011 for the calendar year 2010.

[General information on the EPA draft rule](#)

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The Climate Registry's voluntary reporting Members are environmental leaders. They report complete North American GHG emissions from 100% of their sources and have the results third-party verified. It's important for organizations to be able to report high quality voluntary GHG emissions inventories and meet mandatory reporting requirements without duplication of effort. To that end, we will support our Members' efforts to comply with EPA and state reporting requirements while continuing to provide the programs and services that they need to inventory and report their full organizational carbon footprints. While mandatory federal reporting of GHG data in the US is a big step forward, it will not satisfy all of the needs of Registry Members who have committed to publicly disclosing their broader carbon footprints using The Climate Registry's robust standards.

New Members

The Registry proudly recognizes its Members joining in February!

[Carbon Credit Capital, LLC](#)

[Carlson Environmental, Inc.](#)

[City of San Jose](#)

[CPH Engineers, Inc.](#)

[EMC Engineers, Inc.](#)

[KERAMIDA, Inc.](#)

[Law Offices of Tamela Stults-Wagner](#)

[Renewable Choice Energy](#)

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Important Dates and Events

[March 12: Electric Power Sector Draft Protocol Overview and Discussion \(Webinar\)](#)

[March 13: Local Government Operations Draft Protocol Overview and Discussion \(Webinar\)](#)

[March 19: Introduction to The Climate Registry \(Webinar\)](#)

[March 25: Building an Inventory for The Climate Registry Reporting \(Webinar\)](#)

[March 31: One Day Training on](#)

The Registry Testifies Before Congress Regarding Greenhouse Gas Reporting

The Climate Registry was invited to testify before the US House of Representative's Committee on Science and Technology's Subcommittee on Energy and Environment in Washington, DC on Tuesday, February 24, 2009. Jill Gravender, Vice President of Policy, testified for The Registry. In our testimony, Jill explained The Registry's programs and discussed challenges and opportunities to improve the accuracy of GHG reporting.

To read The Registry's testimony, click [here](#).

The State of West Virginia joins The Climate Registry Board of Directors

The State of West Virginia is the most recent addition to The Climate Registry's Board of Directors!

Governor Joe Manchin III appointed Randy Huffman, Cabinet Secretary, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, to serve as the state's representative on The Registry's Board of Directors. West Virginia's membership in The Registry complements ongoing state efforts to protect its environment and abundance of natural resources.

The Climate Registry Board of Directors now includes 41 US states, Washington DC, 12 Canadian provinces and territories, six Mexican states, and four Native Sovereign Nations.

CICS Attains ANSI Accreditation

On February 27, 2009, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited Complete Integrated Certification Services Ltd. (CICS) to conduct greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory verification services for Members of The Climate Registry.

In order to attain accreditation, CICS completed a thorough assessment process in which it demonstrated its independence, impartiality and competence to successfully verify GHG emission inventories. ANSI's evaluation process included reviewing CICS's management systems and internal procedures, as well as participating in a facility visit to observe how CICS provided verification services to a client.

The Climate Registry congratulates CICS on its significant achievement and has added CICS to the [list of ANSI-accredited, Registry-recognized Verification Bodies](#). Members of The Climate Registry may use ANSI-accredited Verification Bodies to meet the verification requirements of The Climate Registry's voluntary reporting program.

[The Climate Registry's Programs and Protocols \(San Diego\)](#)

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

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Join us at Navigating the American Carbon World: April 1-3

The Climate Registry is pleased to be a Supporting Organization of [Navigating the American Carbon World](#), the premier carbon conference and trade fair in North America, held April 1-3, in San Diego, California. Members of The Climate Registry may register for the conference at a special discounted registration rate. Please email [Tatiana Hernandez](#) for more information.

Hosted by the California Climate Action Registry, Point Carbon and the International Emissions Trading Association, [Navigating the American Carbon World](#) will bring together leaders from businesses, government, and environmental organizations to discuss the current condition and future developments of climate change policy and best practices.

We encourage you to be a part of the discussion and experience the best carbon market business event held in North America.

Member Services Update

[Solid Waste Disposal Facility Reporting Guidance](#)

The Registry has developed a guidance document for the solid waste industry that highlights industry best practice resources for calculating emissions from solid waste management activities. This guidance document is intended to serve as a resource for members in the solid waste management industry. To view the document, please click [here](#).

The Climate Registry Protocol Updates

[Registry Releases Draft EPS and LGO Protocols for Public Comment](#)

The Climate Registry has released the Electric Power Sector (EPS) and Local Government Operations (LGO) draft protocols for public comment and feedback. Registry staff worked closely with industry experts, Registry Members and contractors to complete the draft reporting protocols for use in The Registry's voluntary program.

The Registry's public comment period began February 23, 2009. The LGO public comment period ends **March 20, 2009**. In light of the release of the US EPA proposed mandatory GHG reporting rule, The Registry has extended the deadline for public comment on its draft EPS Protocol until **April 3, 2009**. Comments should be submitted using the Public Comment Template form, which can be downloaded along with the draft EPS Protocol [here](#).

Comments should be submitted to TheClimateRegistry@gmail.com by 5:00 PM PST. Please note that The Registry may not be able to consider comments submitted after this date. For more information please contact [Peggy Foran](#).

[Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Protocol in development](#)

The Registry is partnering with the Western Regional Air Partnership, 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. In February the Technical Workgroup met to discuss the Background Paper that will be released to the public in March. The Background Paper will be posted on The Registry's website when it is available.

For more information about the Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Protocol please contact Tom Moore at mooret@cira.colostate.edu.

[General Reporting Protocol Updates and Clarifications](#)

The Climate Registry has released a new version of the General Reporting Protocol Updates and Clarifications document. Updates include new emission factors for grid electricity in the US and Canada and direction on how to estimate electricity use from leased spaces. To view the GRP Updates and Clarifications document, please visit our [website](#).

[General Verification Protocol Updates and Clarifications](#)

The Climate Registry has updated its General Verification Protocol (GVP) Updates and Clarifications document to include recent verification policy changes, new updates and

March 31: One-Day Training on The Climate Registry's Programs and Protocols

Due to popular demand, The Climate Registry is offering a one-day protocols and programs training course held in conjunction with the Navigating the American Carbon World conference in San Diego, CA. Offered for the first time, this course is an excellent and convenient opportunity to learn more about The Climate Registry's greenhouse gas reporting program. A certificate will be issued to course participants to document completion of this training.

[Register now](#), space is limited!

clarifications. To view the document, please click [here](#).

Request for Proposals: Batch Verification Body

The Climate Registry has issued a request for proposals for the 2009 Batch Verification. The Registry will select a Batch Verification Body on April 21, 2009 and hold an Introduction to Batch Verification webinar on May 1, 2009 and again on May 7, 2009. The purpose of the webinars will be to introduce the Batch Verification Body, review batch verification eligibility requirements, review the application form and deadline, and review the standard contract.

The Cool Planet Project Corner

Aerospace & Defense Company Implements Innovative Solutions to Climate Change

Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems (SAS) has significantly reduced its energy use and greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) by participating in Southern California Edison's (SCE) energy management programs. In 2008 alone, Raytheon SAS nationwide has achieved energy savings of 7.9 million kilowatt hours, qualifying them for the Cool Planet Project, an energy efficiency and GHG reductions program administered by SCE and The Climate Registry.

For the better part of a decade, Raytheon SAS has annually installed large energy efficiency projects and in the past three years alone (2006-2008) has reduced overall energy consumption at its El Segundo headquarters by 14.5% with growth, simultaneously avoiding over 5,500 metric tons of GHGs - equivalent to the emissions of over 12,700 barrels of oil consumed.

Along with saving energy at their facilities through energy efficient technology and retrofits, Raytheon SAS has worked to instill a culture of conservation among its employees, the cornerstone of which is education and communications.

"Energy efficiency is incorporated from the ground up, starting with the individual. Training and education is as important as any energy saving project," said Raytheon SAS President, Jon Jones.

Raytheon's energy and GHG management illustrates their long term vision and innovative steps to mitigating climate change. Measuring and reporting their GHG emissions to The Registry provides Raytheon with accurate, third party verified data consistent across borders and industry sectors. Objective data enables Raytheon to quantify their progress in innovating and improving its sustainable operations and strengthens their voice as an environmental leader among industry peers and national policy makers

For more information about the Cool Planet Project, please contact Jennifer Kaminski, Outreach Manager, at 213.785.1231.

The Climate Registry welcomes Alex Carr as its new Regional Director for Canada

The Climate Registry is very pleased to welcome Ms. Alex Carr as the new Regional Director for Canada. Alex is based in Vancouver, British Columbia, and is responsible for recruiting new Canadian Members for The Climate Registry, working closely with the 12 Canadian provinces and territories that are members of The Registry's Board of Directors, and strengthening relationships with Canadian federal agencies, environmental organizations and corporations.

Alex recently held senior roles in both the communication and sustainability areas of Insurance Australia Group (IAG). She has 15 years of experience in corporate communications, stakeholder engagement, event management and program development. Alex is well-versed on climate change issues, having served as IAG's Senior Manager for Sustainable Business Practices. Her responsibilities included managing premier climate change events, facilitating dialogue among a diverse body of expert stakeholders, and influencing corporate sustainability policies and practices.

Please email [Alex Carr](#) regarding membership and partnership opportunities in Canada.

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