



The Climate Registry Reporter

Solving Climate Change Together

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EPA Draft Rule Overview and The Climate Registry Response

The Climate Registry is developing draft public comments on the US EPA draft rule for mandatory greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reporting. Registry staff members are working with Board Members, key stakeholders, and policy experts to formulate comments that represent the best interest of the climate and Registry Members. The Registry invites Members to learn about and provide feedback on the EPA draft rule and the Registry's draft public comments during an upcoming Members-only webinar on Friday, April 3, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM PST.

To register for the Members-only webinar, please visit:

[EPA Draft Rule Overview and The Registry Response](#)

For more information about the EPA draft rule, please read:

[EPA proposed mandatory GHG reporting rule](#)

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New Members

The Registry proudly recognizes its Members joining in March! We are now up to 330 Members and continuing to grow quickly.

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Important Dates and Events

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The Climate Registry Celebrates the Nomination of Board Chair Gina McCarthy to the US EPA

The Chair of The Climate Registry's Board of Directors, Gina McCarthy, was nominated by President Obama to serve as the Assistant Administrator of Air and Radiation for the US EPA.



Gina has been a wonderful founding Registry Chair! She has given many hours to developing The Registry program and staff. Friday nights found her often talking with Diane Wittenberg, giving her counsel and direction. We will miss her wisdom and leadership - though we are glad she will be a bright light at EPA.

Gina McCarthy has served as Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection since 2004. Prior to that, she spent 25 years working on environmental issues in Massachusetts in a variety of positions at the state and local levels. As Assistant Administrator of Air and Radiation at US EPA, Gina will play a key role in crafting national clean air and climate policy.

Join The Climate Registry for Informative Events and Webinars

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

The Climate Registry is offering a 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 opportunity to learn more about The Climate Registry's GHG reporting program. A certificate will be issued to course participants to document completion of this training.

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

Tuesday, March 31
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM PST
San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina
333 W. Harbor Dr.
San Diego, CA 92101

April 1: An Introduction to The Climate Registry-Why Reporting Makes Good Business Sense

The Climate Registry is pleased to present a special introductory event in partnership with Navigating the American Carbon World. Join us on April 1 for an informative and candid discussion on the role of The Registry, the value of reporting GHG emissions, and the benefits of Membership with The Registry. Event is open to the public.

Wednesday, April 1

[from Mass Transit \(webinar\)](#)

[April 9: Building an Inventory for The Climate Registry Reporting \(webinar\)](#)

[April 9: Everything You Need to Know about The Climate Registry \(webinar\)](#)

[April 23: Using CRIS to Report Your GHG Emissions \(webinar\)](#)

[April 23: Everything You Need to Know about The Climate Registry \(webinar\)](#)

Job Opportunities

[Policy Director](#)

Members May Customize The Climate Registry's Sample Inventory Management Plan

The Registry Member Services Team has developed a sample Inventory Management Plan (IMP) to help Members put together, organize and keep track of 2008 GHG inventories.

An IMP documents geographic and organizational boundaries and describes an organization's strategy for developing a verifiable GHG emissions inventory. It is an effective tool that saves Members both time and money by coalescing and presenting inventory in an organized and streamlined fashion to Verification Bodies during the verification process.

The sample Inventory Management Plan may be

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM PST
San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina
333 W. Harbor Dr.
San Diego, CA 92101

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

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.

[Navigating the American Carbon World](#) will bring together leaders from business, government, and environment to discuss the current condition and future developments of climate change policy and best practices.

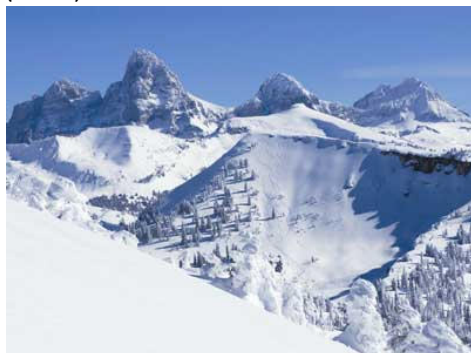
April 9: Reporting GHG Emissions from Mass Transit Webinar

On April 9, The Climate Registry is hosting a conversation about reporting GHG emissions from mass transit operations. During this call, Registry staff will outline existing reporting guidance for mass transit systems, highlight potential areas for new guidance to be developed and solicit feedback and discussion about mass transit issues that would benefit from the development of new guidance. Participation in the webinar is open to all interested parties.

Thursday April 9
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM PST
To register for the webinar, please click [here](#)
Webinar Call In: 312-878-0222
Webinar Access Code: 280-279-694

Grand Targhee Resort Becomes First North American Organization with a Climate Registered™ GHG Emissions Inventory

Grand Targhee Resort became the first Registry Member to have its GHG emissions inventory registered in the online reporting tool, the Climate Registry Information System (CRIS), and achieve the status of Climate Registered™.



Grand Targhee Resort, located on the western slope of the Teton Mountains in Wyoming, elected to voluntarily report its emissions inventory with The Climate Registry for several reasons. As a ski operation that depends on the environment for the success of its business, Grand Targhee Resort is very concerned about climate change. It also is interested in opportunities to engage hundreds of thousands of winter sports enthusiasts each year through education and example.

customized to best fit an organization's needs. Benefits of developing an IMP include:

- Ensures consistency in processes for collecting, calculating, and maintaining GHG data across an organization
- Centralizes institutional knowledge for successful program continuity (which is especially important when employing an intern or consultant)
- Promotes internal and external communication
- Informs an accurate quote for verification services by providing an accurate representation of operations
- Eases reporting in future years

The customizable version of The Registry's [sample Inventory Management Plan](#), and a variety of other helpful resources, are available on the References page of our [website](#).

The inventory was verified by Advanced Waste Management, which was the first accredited Verification Body to verify an emissions inventory with The Climate Registry. For an emissions report to be accepted by The Registry and labeled as Climate Registered, it must include applicable data on all six internationally-recognized GHGs for all North American locations. The data must be reported according to the comprehensive and rigorous standards established in The Registry's General Reporting Protocol and verified by an independent, third-party Verification Body that is accredited by a partner Accreditation Body, such as the American National Standards Institute, and recognized by The Registry.

Grand Targhee Resort's detailed report and summary can be viewed [here](#).

The Climate Registry Protocol Updates

Public Comment Period for Electric Power Sector Protocol Extended to April 3

In light of the US EPA Proposed Mandatory GHG Reporting Rule, The Registry has extended the deadline for public comment on its draft Electric Power Sector (EPS) Protocol until April 3, 2009. Comments should be submitted using the Public Comment Template form, available along with the draft EPS Protocol for download on our [website](#).

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](#).

Local Government Operations Protocol

The public comment period for The Registry's draft appendix to the Local Government Operations (LGO) Protocol ended on March 20. During the public comment period, The Registry held two public webinars, which were attended by approximately 40 stakeholders. Registry staff members are currently analyzing public comments and working to finalize the draft appendix for adoption by The Registry's Board of Directors in June 2009.

If you have any questions about the draft LGO Protocol or the public webinars, please email [Peggy Foran](#) or call (213) 542-0291.

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. For more information about the Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Protocol please contact [Tom Moore](#).

The Climate Registry Hosts Successful Regional Climate Policy Forums Across the Nation

To educate Members and interested parties on current climate change initiatives, The Climate Registry hosted regional Climate Policy Forums in several cities across the nation, including Boston, Tampa, Denver and Columbus. Each Climate Policy Forum presented an exceptional gathering of panelists and speakers to discuss the harmonization of state and regional climate regulation with national and international policy proposals.

The forums featured an unprecedented gathering of commissioners and state agency directors from states and other jurisdictions across North America, including Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, Virginia, South Carolina, Oklahoma, California, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Wyoming, British Columbia, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Manitoba.

Responding to the state perspectives were business and environment stakeholders from top firms and organizations including Covanta Energy, Conservation Law Foundation, NESCAUM, Ecology & Environment, WRI, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Shell, Point Carbon, The Climate Group, the Center for Climate Strategies, Wolverine Power Cooperative, Union of Concerned Scientists, Ford Motor Co, The Climate Group, Ohio State University, and Midwest Generation.



Special thanks to Governor Bill Ritter of Colorado for providing keynote remarks during the Western Climate Policy Forum. Gov. Ritter spoke about Colorado's New Energy Economy with its significant focus on clean, renewable and sustainable sources of energy, and the state's investment into both the infrastructure and the education needed to green the Colorado workforce.

The Climate Policy Forums provided a focused regional approach to climate policy within the framework of national and international policy developments. The Climate Registry is committed to engaging its Members and the public on climate change policy developments on the state, regional, and federal levels. Additional regional forums will be scheduled in the future.

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