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2009 Member Services Survey Results Now Available

The Climate Registry's annual Member Services survey results are in! The 2009 survey showcases the value of Membership with The Registry and the caliber and commitment of the environmental leaders who have joined. Please read the survey results to develop an understanding of Member experiences.

Key findings of the Member survey include:

- 88% of Members joined The Registry to demonstrate environmental leadership
- 76.8% utilize Membership to track emissions data in order to plan for future reductions
- 57.8% anticipate that their facilities will be regulated in a future mandatory reporting program

[Read the survey results](#)

The Climate Registry Presents Webinars to Help Members Prepare for Verification

Verification season is rapidly approaching and The Climate Registry's Member Services team is hosting a new series of online "Prepare for Verification" trainings. The webinars, which are specifically designed for Registry Members, review the process and steps to verification, share lessons learned from those who have previously completed verification and cover tips from ANSI accredited, Registry-recognized Verification Bodies.

Three trainings are scheduled in May and June, with the possibility of adding additional trainings as needed:

New Members

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

[California Department of Rehabilitation](#)

[City of Idaho Falls, Idaho](#)

[Sierra Nevada Conservancy](#)

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Upcoming Events

[May 28: Building an Inventory for The Registry Reporting \(webinar\)](#)

[May 29: Prepare for Verification \(webinar\)](#)

[June 2-3: The Climate Registry Annual Board Meeting \(Chicago\)](#)

[June 10: Introduction to The Climate Registry \(webinar\)](#)

[June 10: Building an Inventory for The Registry Reporting \(webinar\)](#)

[June 11: Using CRIS to Report your GHG Emissions \(webinar\)](#)

[June 16: Prepare for Verification \(webinar\)](#)

[June 24: Introduction to The Climate Registry: Canadian Context \(webinar\)](#)

[June 24: Prepare for Verification](#)

Friday, May 29	10:00 am - 11:00 am PST	Register
Tuesday, June 16	10:30 am - 12:00 pm PST	Register
Wednesday, June 24	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm PST	Register

[Read more about verification](#)

Reporting GHG Emissions in Canada



Canadian Members and interested parties are encouraged to join our Canadian Regional Director, Alex Carr, for an informational webinar on The Climate Registry's history, program requirements and benefits of reporting in the context of regional and federal

GHG action in Canada and North America. This one-hour webinar is open to all interested parties.

Also, The Climate Registry recently updated Canadian default emission factors; these have been posted in the [GRP Update and Clarifications](#) document. In addition, The Registry is currently updating its Climate Registry Information System (CRIS) calculation tool with the latest emission factors.

[Introduction to The Climate Registry: Canadian Context](#)

Wednesday, June 24, 2009: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PST

For Governments: Apply for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants to Help Support Your Membership with The Climate Registry

Over \$3.2 billion are available in federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) to assist US cities, counties, states, territories and Indian tribes to develop, promote, implement and manage energy efficiency (EE) and conservation projects and programs. Qualification for EECBG funding must include an energy efficiency and conservation strategy, of which Membership with The Climate Registry may be a component.

The critical first steps of an efficiency and conservation strategy is to identify, track and monitor emissions over time. The Climate Registry is the best forum to measure emissions in a rigorous, transparent and consistent manner. By participating in The Registry, municipalities can better track and manage greenhouse gas emissions. Having a public record of emissions management over time helps to monitor performance, identify inefficiencies in energy use and highlight reductions.

EECBG stimulus funds could help governments cover the costs of participating in The Registry. Please join us on June 4, 10 or 15 to learn more about how you may be eligible to utilize federal dollars to help track and monitor your energy efficiency progress over the long term.

[\(webinar\)](#)

[June 29: Los Angeles Business Council Annual Sustainability Summit \(Los Angeles\)](#)

In The News: University of Hawaii Manoa Reports to The Climate Registry



University of Hawaii Manoa is one of the biggest organizations in the State of Hawaii. The University has worked hard over the past few years to curtail and monitor its energy use. Last May it also became the first University in the nation to participate in The Climate Registry. Hawaii Public Radio's Ben Markus has more.

[Listen to HPR](#)

Reminder: Deadline for Public Comments on the US EPA Mandatory Reporting Rule is June 9, 2009

Instructions for submitting public comments on the US EPA Mandatory GHG Reporting Rule are located on the [EPA website](#).

The Climate Registry participated in both EPA public hearings in April. A copy of our public hearing comments is available on [our website](#).

Webinar registration:

[Thursday, June 4, 10:00 am PST](#)
[Wednesday, June 10, 7:00 am PST](#)
[Monday, June 15, 10:00 am PST](#)

For more information, please contact Registry Regional Directors:

West: [Tymon Lodder](#)
East: [Denise Sheehan](#)
Midwest: [Ann McCabe](#)

[Read more about EECBG](#)

The Climate Registry Protocol Updates

Electric Power Sector Protocol Update

The Registry concluded its six-week public comment period on the draft Electric Power Sector (EPS) Protocol on April 3. Public comments from organizations that expressly granted permission for their release are available on [our website](#). The Registry received 600 individual comments from 47 organizations and is currently working to finalize the EPS Protocol for expected adoption at its June Board Meeting. Please contact [Sam Hitz](#) with questions.

Local Government Operations Protocol Update

The Registry concluded its four-week public comment period on the draft Appendix D to the Local Government Operations Protocol on March 20. Public comments from organizations that expressly granted permission for their release can now be found on [our website](#). The Registry is currently working to finalize the Appendix D and expects to adopt the Local Government Operations Protocol with Appendix D at its June Board Meeting. Please contact [Peggy Foran](#) with questions.

Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Protocol Update

The Registry is partnering with the Western Regional Air Partnership, California Air Resources Board and New Mexico Environmental Department to develop an industry-specific reporting protocol for the Oil and Gas Exploration and Production sector. A scoping paper for this process can be downloaded from [The Registry's website](#). The technical workgroup met in Denver on May 4 and 5 to discuss recommendations for industry reporting to mandatory greenhouse gas programs. Moving forward, the technical workgroup will begin to focus on the development of The Registry's voluntary reporting protocol. The Registry currently expects a draft protocol to be released for public comment in September. Please contact [Peggy Foran](#) with questions.

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[Program Assistant](#)

[Program Assistant -Verification Services](#)

[Technical Manager](#)

Western Climate Initiative Releases Final Draft of its Essential Requirements

The Western Climate Initiative (WCI) released its [Final Draft of Essential Requirements of Mandatory Reporting](#) for public comment this month. Written comments are due to WCI by June 4, 2009. Please refer to [WCI's website](#) for instructions to submit comments.

Scientific Certification Systems Attains ANSI Accreditation

On May 1, 2009, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited [Scientific Certification Systems \(SCS\)](#) to conduct greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory verification services for Members of The Climate Registry. In order to attain accreditation, SCS 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 SCS's management systems and internal procedures, as well as participating in a facility visit to observe how SCS provided verification services to a client.

The Climate Registry congratulates SCS on its significant achievement and has added SCS 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.

[Read more about verification](#)

Cool Planet Project Corner

Reducing Your Carbon Footprint Through Energy Efficiency

Having a long time tradition of reducing energy bills, energy efficiency is earning a new reputation - for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Climate Registry's Cool Planet Project, which highlights the relationship between energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reductions, will be presented to thousands of professionals this month at the largest energy conference and technology expo held on the US West Coast. Specifically geared toward business, industrial and institutional energy users, [West Coast Energy Management Congress](#) will bring together top experts in all areas of the field to share new technologies, compare energy supply and alternative energy options, and innovative project implementation strategies.



Cost-effective energy efficiency is playing an increasingly significant role in tackling climate change, especially in an economic downturn. State and federal leadership is committed to making energy policy related to climate change one of our greatest priorities. We're seeing stronger efficient technology standards and building codes written into climate change legislation across the country and the Obama administration is promoting energy efficiency and conservation as an immediate and cost-effective tool for reducing our overall greenhouse gas emissions.

Nancy Whalen, Director of The Registry's North American Energy Efficiency Program (aka Cool Planet Project), will present and discuss energy efficiency's role in tackling climate change on Thursday, June 11 during the GHG Mitigation program track.

[Read more about the Cool Planet Project](#)

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