



The Climate Registry Reporter

Solving Climate Change Together

July 2009

Issues This Month

[Doug Scott Elected Board Chair](#)

[Protocol Updates on EPS, LGO, Oil and Gas](#)

[Comments on EPA's Mandatory Reporting Rule](#)

[Upcoming Training for Verification Bodies](#)

[CRIS Updates Ease Reporting for Members](#)

[The Climate Registry In the News](#)

[Cool Planet Project Corner](#)

New Members

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

[Albany County](#)

[Amtrak](#)

[Fair Isaac Corporation](#)

Doug Scott of Illinois EPA Elected Chair of The Climate Registry Board of Directors



Doug Scott, Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), was elected Board Chair of The Climate Registry during the annual Board of Directors meeting on June 2, 2009. Doug brings an exemplary history of leadership in environmental issues to guide The Registry through its ongoing work in voluntary and mandatory emissions reporting.

[Read about Doug Scott and the new Registry Executive Committee](#)

The Climate Registry Protocol Updates

The Climate Registry Adopts First Protocol Addressing Emissions from the Electric Power Sector

The [Electric Power Sector \(EPS\) Protocol](#) adopted by The Climate Registry is the first set of standards for North American electric power organizations to comprehensively address measuring and reporting the entire range of GHG emissions sources associated with the generation and delivery of electric power. The EPS protocol serves as an annex to The Registry's General Reporting Protocol. For more on the EPS Protocol, please visit [The Registry website](#). The Registry invites Members in the electric power sector to upcoming webinars about the EPS protocol:

Thursday, July 30, 2009
11:00 am - 12:30 pm PDT

[Register here](#)

Tuesday, August 11, 2009
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm PDT

[Register here](#)

Local Government Operations Protocol Provides Valuable Guidance to Local Governments

The Climate Registry has adopted the [Local Government Operations \(LGO\) Protocol](#), a comprehensive reporting protocol that should be used as a stand-alone document by local governments for consistent and rigorous GHG emissions reporting. By utilizing the protocol,

[\(FICO\)](#)

[MTC Limousine](#)

[NaturEner](#)

[How to Join
Statement of Intent](#)

local governments can create emissions inventories that meet the highest standards of reporting and are comparable with other local government emissions inventories. For more on the LGO Protocol, please visit [The Registry website](#). The Registry invites Members in the local government sector to upcoming webinars about the LGO protocol:

Monday, July 27, 2009
10:00 am - 11:30 pm PDT
[Register here](#)

Wednesday, August 12, 2009
10:30 am - 12:00 pm PDT
[Register here](#)

Upcoming Events and Webinars

[July 7: The Climate Registry's Response to EPA's Draft GHG Reporting Rule \(webinar\)](#)

[July 8: Building an Inventory for Reporting to The Climate Registry \(webinar\)](#)

[July 9: Using CRIS to Report Your GHG Emissions \(webinar\)](#)

[July 16: Introduction to The Climate Registry \(webinar\)](#)

[July 20: General Verification Training \(Los Angeles\)](#)

[July 27: Local Government Operations Prepare for Verification \(webinar\)](#)

[July 30: Electric Power Sector Prepare for Verification \(webinar\)](#)

[August 3: Prepare for Verification \(webinar\)](#)

[View our calendar](#)

Oil and Gas 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 is currently reviewing a preliminary draft of the protocol. The Registry expects to release the draft protocol for public comment in September. Please contact [Peggy Foran](#) with any questions.

The Climate Registry Submits Written Comments on the Proposed EPA Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule

The Climate Registry submitted technical written comments, accompanied by a letter from The Registry's Board of Directors Executive Committee, on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed mandatory greenhouse gas emissions reporting rule. The Registry encouraged EPA to (1) establish a strong foundation for the US to begin to address global climate change and work with the international community; (2) recognize the importance of entity-wide reporting and state mandatory reporting programs; (3) partner with The Registry, states and native sovereign nations to reduce the burden on companies facing multiple reporting requirements; and (4) adopt high quality verification methodologies consistent with international standards.

[Read the full comments on our website](#)
[Join us on July 7 for a Members-only webinar on our comments](#)

Verification Bodies Encouraged to Attend Upcoming General Verification Training

The Climate Registry and the California Climate Action Registry are pleased to offer a joint general verification training for Verification Bodies covering both organizations' General Reporting and Verification Protocols. The training will provide attendees with a detailed overview of the protocols, set forth expectations of verification bodies, provide an understanding of the conflict of interest process and other requirements of both programs. A Certificate of Completion will be given to all participants who pass the test given at the end of training. Registration for the training is \$625, which includes breakfast, lunch and training materials.

Monday, July 20, 2009
8:00 am - 5:00 pm PDT
Los Angeles, California

Job Opportunities

[Grants Manager](#)

[Policy Director](#)

[Technical Manager](#)

[Events Coordinator, Center for Climate Action](#)

[View all job opportunities](#)

Follow The Climate Registry on Twitter!

The Climate Registry is excited to utilize social marketing tools to stay in touch with Members and friends. Please visit [our Twitter site](#) to sign up for updates.



FOLLOW ME ON TWITTER

Participate in a Survey to Help The Climate Registry Update its Website

The Climate Registry is updating its website to make it more valuable, user-friendly and navigable for Members and visitors. Please complete [our website survey](#) to provide your thoughts and feedback on The Registry's website features.

For more information on the website or to provide additional comments, please contact our Webmaster [Scott Landes](#).

One lucky survey participant will be chosen at random to win a Registry Chico Bag, which

[Register here](#)

If you have any questions about the training, please contact Joy Cernac at (213) 785-1230 or joy@climateregistry.org.

New and Upcoming CRIS Updates Make Reporting Easier for Members

The Climate Registry to Launch CRIS 2.0 on July 2, 2009

The Climate Registry is launching the new [Climate Registry Information System \(CRIS\) Version 2.0](#) on July 2, 2009. CRIS 2.0 includes the ability to host mandatory reporting programs in the application and provides additional new features to improve the reporting experience. Please check the [CRIS homepage](#) for announcements on the latest updates. The CRIS application will be taken offline for the Version 2.0 upgrade from July 1, 6:00 pm - July 2, 6:00 am PDT. Please contact [Chris Condit](#) with questions.

Online Tool Available for Choosing the Right Emissions Source in CRIS

The Registry's useful look-up tool [Choosing the right emissions source in CRIS](#) helps Members identify which types of equipment to select based on fuel type during emissions reporting into CRIS. The CRIS tool streamlines data entry and ensures the selection of appropriate equipment types. Please visit the [CRIS Resources section](#) of the website for additional reporting resources. If you have any questions, please contact [Member Services](#) at (866) 523-0764x3.

The Climate Registry In The News

Counting Carbon to Find Bottom-Line Benefits

Tymon Lodder, Western Regional Director of The Climate Registry, spoke at a recent Greentech Media Conference to discuss The Climate Registry and how business leaders can benefit from accurate and comprehensive carbon accounting.

[View the video clip](#)

Accounting for China's Carbon

Robyn Camp, The Climate Registry's Vice President of Programs, cowrote an article with Lucia Green-Weiskel, Project Officer at the Innovation Center for Energy and Transportation in Beijing, on the importance of developing a system in China to quantify energy use and greenhouse gas emissions to meet the nation's ambitious energy efficiency targets.

[Read the article](#)

will be available soon for purchase on our website.

Cool Planet Project Corner

Gills Onions is the First to Produce On-Site Clean Energy From Its Waste

Gills Onions, the largest fresh onion processor in the world, will unveil its new Advanced Energy Recovery System (AERS) this month. Years in the making, the AERS project allows Gills Onions to convert 100% of its onion processing waste (150 tons per day) into ultra-clean, renewable energy and high-value cattle feed, eliminating up to 30,000 tons per year of CO2 equivalent emissions and providing up to 100% of their base-load electricity requirements - 600 kW. The project was a significant collaborative effort among many, including key government agencies, California Energy Commission, the Department of Energy, HDR and the Gas Technology Institute.



With virtually no GHG emissions, the AERS project provides for annual savings of \$700,000 in electricity costs as well as \$400,000 annual savings in diesel fuel to haul the waste for land application - making this waste-to-energy solution a successful model for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Production facilities worldwide.

The Advanced Energy Recovery System will be unveiled July 17, 2009, at Gills Onions in Oxnard, CA. The event, scheduled for 8:30 am - 2:00 pm, includes an awards presentation and remarks from honored guests Linda Adams, California Secretary of EPA, and AG Kawamura, California Secretary of Agriculture; a ribbon cutting ceremony and project tours; and breakfast and lunch receptions.

Gills Onions is a 25-year old, family-owned and operated grower and food processor devoted to achieving maximum levels of energy efficiency, waste reduction and water conservation through sustainable business practices and technology. A Founding Member of The Climate Registry, Gills Onions demonstrates environmental stewardship by voluntarily committing to measure, independently verify, and publicly report its GHG emissions on an annual basis.

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

About The Climate Registry

The Climate Registry is a nonprofit collaboration among North American states, provinces, territories and Native Sovereign Nations that sets consistent and transparent standards to calculate, verify and publicly report greenhouse gas emissions into a single registry. The Registry supports both voluntary and mandatory reporting programs and provides comprehensive, accurate data to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

For information about joining The Registry, please visit www.theclimateregistry.org.

The Climate Registry wants your news and newsletter feedback. Please contact newsletter@theclimateregistry.org