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The Registry partners with US EPA and two NGOs on new national climate leadership program in the US

In May, The Registry announced it is partnering with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Pew Center on Global Climate Change (Pew Center), the Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO) on a new national awards program that will recognize exemplary corporate, organizational and individual leadership in response to climate change. The new program will build on the foundation established by EPA's Climate Leaders program, which will be phased down this year.

An event to honor award recipients will be held in early 2012. Specific award categories will include:

- Excellence in GHG Management
- Supply Chain Leadership
- Organizational Leadership
- Individual Leadership

Details on the awards criteria and nomination process will be announced later this month. Stay tuned for updates on this exciting new awards program, which will set the bar for climate leadership in the U.S.

North American policy update: California reveals new details about its cap-and-trade and mandatory reporting regulations

In June the California Air Resources Board (CARB) indicated they are proposing to start their cap-and-trade program in 2012 but delay the first compliance period to 2013. Recently they released a discussion draft with additional proposed program details and changes, and in mid-July CARB held a public meeting to discuss them.

In addition to delaying the first compliance period by a year, other details in the draft include a process for allocating allowances to

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The Climate Registry is considering taking a delegation to this year's United Nations Climate Change Conference, [COP 17](#), taking place in Durban, South Africa.

This event is the largest annual conference on climate, attended by thousands of thought leaders from governments, businesses and non-profits across the globe with dozens of sessions each day.

It takes place in parallel with the annual climate change negotiations, providing an opportunity for briefings with the U.S. government negotiating team, and interactions with policymakers from around the world, as well as the latest news on climate science, policy, economics, markets and more. Tentative dates are December 3 to 10.

RSVP to [Laura Zahn](#) or 213.213.1252 for more information on joining the delegation or to indicate your interest.

Welcome New Members!

City of Beaumont
Santa Clara Valley Water District
Douglass Screen Printers, Inc.
Crown Investments Corporation
HK Global Consultants
Recology, Inc

the power sector; the distinction between early action offsets and ARB offset credits; a set-aside for voluntary renewable energy purchases; and additional information on mandatory reporting and verification requirements.

The meeting is available for download [here](#).

The CARB PowerPoint presentation is [here](#).

The regulations are due to be finalized in October.

Featured Members

[San Lorenzo Valley Water District](#)

Water district's new solar project reduces GHG emissions from water treatment

San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD) provides water to approximately 22,500 people living near Santa Cruz, California. SLVWD has voluntarily reported its GHG emissions annually since 2006 to the Climate Registry.

"In 2007, the District resolved to reduce our GHGs 20% by the year 2020," said Board member Fred McPherson, "and we immediately began considering solar as an efficient first step toward reaching this goal."

Solar makes sense, because SLVWD's primary source of GHG emissions is purchased electricity. It is used to treat drinking water, and to power well pumping and water distribution.

In October 2010, the SLVWD Board approved a project to install solar panels at three of its drinking water treatment facilities and one small wastewater treatment plant. The project is estimated to produce 170,000 kwh/year, or about 28% of the combined electricity used by these facilities.



District-wide, the solar panels are projected to reduce GHG emissions from all sources by 6.4% from 2008 levels.

In July 2011, all of the projects were up and running.

[Kaiser Permanente](#)

In May, health care provider Kaiser Permanente released a study that indicated its new electronic health record system has led to a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

While the new electronic tracking system has resulted in

Niagara Bottling, LLC
Exelon Corporation
GEI Consultants, Inc.
Zone 7 Water Agency
Delta Air Lines

The Registry updates its reporting program

Members no longer required to account for miniscule sources

To simplify the reporting process, Registry Members may now opt to exclude miniscule sources from their inventories, due to their insignificant impact on overall emissions. Please see The Registry's Exclusion of Miniscule Sources Form in the [Registry Toolkit](#) for more information.

Expanded options for quantifying emissions associated with purchased electricity

In addition to the default U.S. EPA eGRID subregion emission factors, Members can now elect to use generator-specific, utility-specific or other publicly documented, third party-developed emission factors to quantify CO₂ emissions associated with purchased power.

For more information on this new policy, please see The Registry's GRP Updates and Clarifications Document, Chapter 14.1 Calculating Indirect Emissions from Electricity Use, available [here](#).

How The Registry's port Members are leading the way

Port activities currently are responsible for 5% of total GHG emissions in the US, with

increased energy consumption through the use of personal computers, this has been offset by the elimination of waste and unnecessary patient visits. The new system has cut more than 1,000 tons of paper records and 68 tons of X-ray film, and has lowered gasoline consumption among patients who would have otherwise made trips to the doctor.

CBS

Check out this video on YouTube about [CBS EcoHeroes](#)

Congratulating our new Climate Registered leaders!

The Registry and its Board would like to congratulate **Eastman Kodak Company** and **Bentley Prince Street** for achieving Climate Registered Platinum status, and the **US Postal Service** for achieving Climate Registered Gold status. These three organizations are the first in North America to achieve this prestigious recognition.

In awarding Kodak and Bentley Prince Street Platinum status, The Registry recognized these organizations for reducing their GHG emissions by more than 20%. The US Postal Service reduced its emissions by more than 5% to achieve Gold status.



New Four-Year Climate Registered Members

Armstrong World Industries (Emissions Year or EY 2006, EY 2007, EY 2008, EY 2009)

New Two-Year Climate Registered Members

3Form (EY2008 & EY2009)

Jazz Semiconductor Inc., Tower Group Company (EY 2008 & EY 2009)

Kennecott Utah Copper (EY 2008 & EY 2009)

New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority (EY 2008 & EY 2009)

Salt Lake City Corporation (EY2008 & EY2009)

Termoelectrica de Mexicali, S. de R.L. de C.V. (EY 2008 & EY 2009)

United States Postal Service (EY 2008 & EY 2009)

New One-Year Climate Registered Members

City of Hollister (EY 2009)

City of San Juan Bautista (EY 2009)

airports accounting for roughly 65% of those emissions. The Climate Registry's port Members are leaders in their sector, and are undertaking a number of environmental initiatives to drive emissions down.

For example, both the Port of Oakland and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey provide incentives and finance owners to purchase newer and cleaner vehicles. The Port of Los Angeles bans older vehicles from serving the port, and by 2012 will prohibit all vehicles that do not meet the 2007 emission requirements.

Larger vehicles and equipment are also being targeted. The Port of Seattle replaces airport vehicles with compressed natural gas (CNG), is retrofitting seaport cargo handling equipment with 169 diesel oxidation catalysts, converting all maintenance equipment from diesel to low-sulfur diesel, and replacing every diesel crane with electric cranes.

Ports are also switching large standby cargos from diesel to electrical plug-ins or power stations to avoid the combustion of fuel. Seaports in Seattle and Los Angeles use this technology for docked ocean-going and harbor vessels. Steward Airport in New York and the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport use it for aircrafts at gates.

Ports have also participated in larger scale projects. The San Francisco Airport's renovation of terminal 2 is projected to achieve Gold Certification under the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program, with a zero waste program and reclaimed waste reuse program.

Marin Sanitary Services (EY 2009)
 Newmont Mining Corporation (EY 2009)
 NV Energy (EY 2009)
 Resource Systems Group (EY 2009)
 Rodney Strong Vineyards (EY 2009)
 RPM Wood Finishes Group, Inc. (EY 2008)
 San Benito County (EY 2009)
 Turlock Irrigation District (EY 2009)
 PTI CA Group (EY 2009)
 U.S. Maritime Administration (EY 2008)
 University of California, Office of the President (EY 2009)

A shout out to Members participating in batch verification

Congratulations on completing verification, The Registry is looking forward to making your reports public and awarding you Climate Registered status at the end of August.

The Climate Registered logo: the mark of organizations that measure and reduce their emissions with integrity. Call us to find out more about our program or see our [website](#).



Meet the Polar Explorer

The Climate Registry was one of the sponsors of the film **The Polar Explorer**, a climate change documentary made by polar explorer and environmentalist Mark Terry, for its screenings at COP16 in Cancun last December.

The film was the only one officially invited by the United Nations to screen at the conference. It made a significant impact on negotiators and a new resolution recognizing the imminent threat of rising sea levels came out of the conference: Enhanced Action on Adaptation, Section 2, Subsection 25.

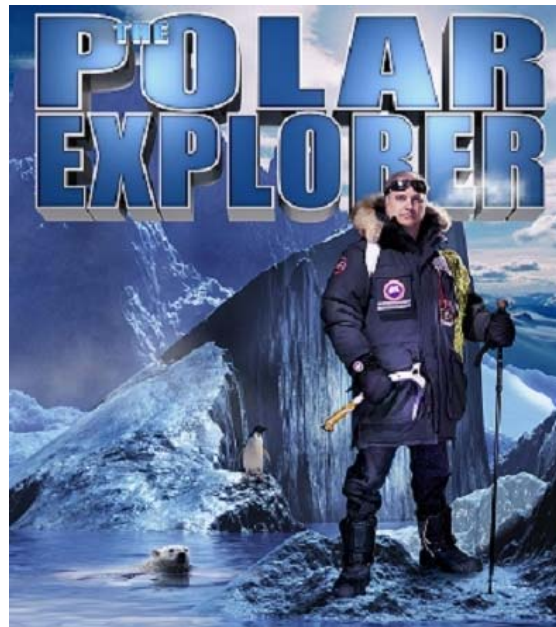
Achim Steiner, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, had this to say about **The Polar Explorer**:

"The speed at which the polar regions are melting needs to be reflected in the speed with which nations come to agree on a decisive and definitive new global climate agreement. While the science is speaking loudly, it is often difficult for millions if not billions of people to witness this with their own eyes."

To book Mark and The Polar Explorer, please call 416-899-5855 or email info@polarexplorerfilm.com.

For more information, please visit the film's [website](#).

The Registry is launching a user group for port members so they can exchange ideas and build on their progress, so stay tuned for future updates.



New services to streamline reporting in CRIS

The CRIS Team has often been asked if there is a way to automatically upload data to CRIS. We are very excited to announce two new services that Members can use to streamline reporting: GHG Sync and the CRIS Data Upload Service. Both services are available now and members are using them successfully.

GHG Sync

GHG Sync is a tool in CRIS that allows a Member to create facilities and sources as well as report emissions by submitting the data using an XML schema. There is no charge for using GHG Sync, but it does require a technical investment in developing the capability to generate the XML schema containing member data. Contact CRIS@theclimateregistry.org if you are interested so we can help you get started.

CRIS Data Upload Service

The Climate Registry is now offering Members a low cost service to streamline the process of uploading data from your own internal software to the CRIS using a spreadsheet template. The service greatly reduces the time required to enter data into CRIS and minimizes data entry errors. The member populates the spreadsheet template with their data and we take care of the rest. Click [here](#) for pricing and to learn more about the CRIS Data Upload Service.

About The Climate Registry

The Climate Registry is a non-profit organization that operates the only voluntary carbon footprint registry in North America supported by states, provinces, territories and tribes. The Climate Registry helps hundreds of public and private organizations measure, report and reduce their GHG emissions with integrity.

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