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Are you just getting started? Are you a leader? The Registry has a Membership option for everyone

New Charter Members join the leaders of the pack
We'd like to salute the organizations who have become the newest Charter Members of the Climate Registered reduction program: Seattle Steam Company, Armstrong World Industries, Bentley Prince Street and Thurston county. They join fellow leaders Allergan, Eastman Kodak, Flight Centre Canada, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, PG&E and Ecology & Environment. Each of these organizations has committed to applying for Climate Registered Silver, Gold or Platinum status by December 2010.

The deadline to apply for Climate Registered Charter Membership is April 1st 2010. See The Registry's [website](#) for more information.

Congratulations to our newly Climate Registered Members!

Wenck Associates, Inc.
Newmont Nevada
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
Weston Solutions
Gills Onions, LLC
Sterling Planet Inc.
Walmart
Sonoma-Loeb
ETC Group
Environmental Planning Specialists
Stantec

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2010 Regional Forum series: Speaker and Sponsorship opportunities

The Registry is now confirming speakers and sponsors for our upcoming forums in Atlanta (May 19th), Chicago, (June 22nd) Seattle (July 22nd) and Vancouver (October 13th). If you are interested in speaking or sponsoring these events, please contact Kati Price at kati@theclimateregistry.org

[new york](#)



[Northeast Forum
New York | March 16](#)

[atlanta](#)



[Southeast Forum
Atlanta | May 19](#)

Millennium Consulting Associates
KEMA, Inc.

Get started with Basic Membership

We have opened the door for broader participation in our program by introducing a Basic Membership option. Ideal for those organizations that are just getting started down the path towards measuring and reporting their carbon emissions, Basic Membership has fewer verification and reporting requirements. Start building your capability today and prepare for a carbon constrained future...see our [website](#) for more info.

Save the date

All Charter Members and Members who will be Climate Registered by June should plan to attend the first awards ceremony in Chicago on June 24, 2010!



The Climate Registered logo - the mark of organizations that measure and reduce their emissions with integrity - is now available to organizations for use. For information, please visit our [logo guidelines page](#).

REGISTER NOW for the Northeast Regional Forum on March 16th, featuring a stellar line-up of speakers!

Speakers include:

- * Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (invited)
- * Joe Boardman, President and CEO, Amtrak
- * Alexander 'Pete' Grannis, Commissioner, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- * Laurie Burt, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (invited)
- * Justin Johnson, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
- * Frank Murray, President, NYSERDA
- * Kit Kennedy, Counsel, Air and Energy Program, National Resources Defense Council
- * David Littell, Commissioner, Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- * Franz Litz, Senior Fellow, World Resources Institute
- * Kevin Neumaier, President, Ecology and Environment
- * Steven Pfeiffenberger, Vice President of Environment, Health and Safety, Armstrong World Industries
- * Randy Price, Vice President of Environmental Affairs, Consolidated Edison
- * Sandy Taft, Director, US Climate Change Policy, National Grid
- * Projjal Dutta, Director of Sustainability Initiatives, Metropolitan Transportation Association

The event will include an update on EPA's current and planned regulatory action, and provide insights into the prospects of cap-and-

chicago

Midwest Forum
Chicago | June 23

seattle



Western Forum
Seattle | July 22

vancouver



Canadian Forum
Vancouver | October 13

GLOBE 2010: The world is coming to Vancouver...again

If you didn't make it to the Olympics, take the opportunity to head on over to Vancouver for GLOBE 2010 this March 24-26. GLOBE is one of the world's largest and longest-running events dedicated to the business of the environment.

Every two years, over 10,000 professionals from 70+ countries come together at GLOBE for three days of thought-leading sessions presented by world-renowned sustainability experts, to survey leading-edge environmental innovations, and to participate in global networking opportunities.

This year GLOBE's themes are corporate sustainability, climate change, carbon management,

trade legislation on Capitol Hill.

State environmental commissioners from the northeast will participate in an engaging roundtable discussion on the current status of RGGI and the states' discussions with the Western and Midwestern states on the potential for linking the three regional cap-and-trade initiatives.

Amtrak's President and CEO, Joe Boardman, in his lunch time keynote address, will share an overview of Amtrak's efforts to operate more sustainably, as well as discuss the bigger picture for transportation and high speed rail in a carbon constrained future.

Attendance is limited so reserve your spot today! To register visit our website at <http://events.theclimateregistry.org/>

And the Grand Prize winner is....

Hillmar Cheese! Randomly drawn from participants in our recent Member Survey, they win a complimentary pass to the Regional Forum of their choice. Our other raffle winners include Raytheon, Cliffs Natural Resources, and the City of Santa Barbara... each will receive cool Registry merchandise!

The results of the survey are in and the message you're sending is clear as day: leading organizations are committed to reporting and reducing their GHG emissions, with or without regulation.

The results of the survey will help us determine how we can increase the value of your membership, now and in the future. In the coming weeks, we will publish a summary highlighting the key findings.

What's new at The Registry?

- * Emission factors in the General Reporting Protocol (GRP) have been updated to be consistent with the US EPA mandatory reporting rule
- * A new round of Updates and Clarifications to the GRP is available on the website (for more information see [here](#))
- * We are working with the World Resources Institute to road-test Supply Chain Accounting principles for the food sector
- * A major upgrade to the Climate Registry Information System (CRIS) is now expected in April 2010

Tell us what you think!

We're looking for comments on an [update to the General Verification Protocol](#) until March 8th.

clean energy, sustainable finance, and greener cities. Special subthemes for GLOBE 2010 include: clean technology, water, sustainable retail, and Auto Future Tech: The future of the auto industry.

To register or for more information check out their website: www.globe2010.com

Welcome New Members!

The Registry welcomed 16 new Members in February, bringing our community to over 400 organizations from across North America:

McLennan Ross LLP
Thurston County, Washington
Vertex (San Diego)
University of California, Los Angeles
Village of Ardsley, New York
The City of Fulton, New York
California Department of Water Resources
Town of Royalton, New York
Town of Lewiston, New York
Town of Porter, New York
Keep It Green Transit
The Village of Dobbs Ferry, New York
County of Sullivan, New York
Town of Rhinebeck, New York
Town of Cairo, New York
North Marin Water District

Los Angeles Business Council's (LABC) 4th Annual Sustainability Summit

Save the date: LABC's Summit, entitled Building a Green Economy: Connecting Sustainability to Business and Job Creation, will take place on Tuesday, April 6th from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Harold M. Williams Auditorium at the Getty.

We have also released a draft set of performance metrics for transit agencies and are seeking public comments until April 8th.

These metrics were developed with input from the American Public Transportation Association. The metrics will help transit agency Members with cross-agency benchmarking, agency and regional climate action planning.

The Registry is proposing that the metrics be verified and required for all transit agency Members. Please view the metrics [here](#) and send us your comments by April 8th.

Did you know...

The US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) recently released new guidance on what constitutes material climate-related risk?

Under the guidance, companies are directed to consider whether existing laws or pending legislation and regulations are a risk, and whether climate accords carry some financial risk. It also directs companies to consider whether the physical impacts of climate change on assets should be disclosed.

The good news is that Climate Registry Members are already head of the curve! Reporting your greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory to The Registry is a comprehensive, defensible, verified way to ensure that you are measuring and tracking your GHG emissions in a consistent and robust manner. Establishing your total GHG footprint publicly is a critical first step to disclosing your risk.

In fact, The Climate Registry is specifically noted in the SEC guidance document as one of the ways companies have been voluntarily disclosing their GHG emissions.

The State of The Registry in 2010

On February 11, 2010 nearly 100 members participated in the annual "State of The Registry" webinar.

Founding Chair of The Registry, Gina McCarthy is now serving as the Assistant Administrator at US EPA, so her successor Doug Scott, Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, opened the meeting and painted a very compelling picture for voluntary reporting your carbon emissions:

- Mandatory reporting requirements for greenhouse gases (GHGs) are proliferating, and include federal requirements set by the US EPA and Environment Canada in addition to many state and provincial reporting requirements - some setting the reporting threshold as low as 2,500 metric tons/year.
- Emission reduction targets set by the same jurisdictions

Specific panel topics this year will include business' role in helping achieve renewable goals and how we develop and grow green business.

The Summit will feature an impressive line-up of speakers and panellists, including US Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, California State Senator Alex Padilla, Chair, Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications, Mary Nichols, Chairwoman, California Air Resources Board, Adam Werbach, Global Chief Executive Officer, Saatchi & Saatchi, S Pedro Pizarro, Executive Vice President of Power Operations, Southern California Edison, and many others.

For more information see their [website](#).

are becoming more stringent.

- As we have seen, the SEC has issued new guidance on climate-related risk and disclosure.

These trends point to the fact that voluntarily reporting and reducing your carbon emissions is more important than ever. The Registry provides the tools and resources to help you measure and manage your emissions with integrity, which will be crucial as regulatory programs tighten, reduction targets become ever more stringent, and as disclosure requirements continue to evolve.

Registry Board members gave more specific updates on regional programs including:

- Jim Colman, Assistant Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection briefed callers on the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) auctions and trading.
- Michael Gibbs, Deputy Secretary for Climate Change, California Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Chair of the Western Climate Initiative (WCI) shared WCI's timeline - a number of jurisdictions will implement the model rule starting in 2012.
- David Thornton, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, discussed the Midwest Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord (MGGRA) including features of the model rule and next steps for the MGGRA.

In addition, Dan McInnis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Manitoba Conservation gave an overview of Canadian provincial and federal activities on climate change.

Slides from the annual State of The Registry address are now available at www.theclimateregistry.org < [News and Events](#) < [Past Events](#).

Kudos to ERM Certification and Verification Services Ltd. on attaining ANSI Accreditation

On January 29, 2010, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited ERM Certification and Verification Services Ltd. (ERM-CVS) to conduct greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory verification services for Members of The Climate Registry.

In order to attain accreditation, ERM-CVS 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 ERM-CVS's management systems and internal procedures, as well as participating in a facility visit to observe how ERM-CVS provided verification services to a client.

The Climate Registry congratulates ERM-CVS on its significant achievement, and we have added them to the list of ANSI-accredited, Registry-recognized Verification Bodies on our website.

About The Climate Registry

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

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

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