



The Climate Registry



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Dear friends and colleagues,

I'd like to start by addressing the latest development surrounding the U.S. EPA's Clean Power Plan (CPP), a program that aims to cut carbon emissions from power

plants 32% on 2005 levels by 2030. On February 9th, the U.S. Supreme Court put the program on hold while an appeals court considers challenges from a number of states, corporations and industry groups.

The Obama Administration contends that the CPP is part of a suite of climate measures - such as vehicle emissions standards and renewable energy tax credits - and that it remains committed to the ambitious reduction targets laid out as part of the Paris Agreement. It's worth noting that the Supreme Court has been clear in three separate cases that the EPA has the authority and responsibility to regulate GHGs under the Clean Air Act.

Despite this bump in the road, we remain optimistic that climate action will continue at an unprecedented pace. For the first time ever, there is global consensus that carbon needs to be contained. There is little doubt that the global economy is transitioning to a low-carbon economy. We expect that the public and private sectors will continue to look for ways to reduce carbon and to be more efficient and sustainable in both the short and long terms. And of course measuring carbon is the foundational step to taking action.

I'll now put the crystal ball away and highlight some of TCR's notable events and activities:

- **Updated General Reporting Protocol.** Last week, we released our [General Reporting Protocol \(GRP\) Version 2.1](#). The GRP is the guidance our reporters use to measure and report their GHG footprints to TCR. GRP v. 2.1 is the third update to the GRP since its initial publication in March 2008. We are pleased to provide this resource to our members and the wider GHG reporting community and hope that it will raise the bar once again for GHG reporting guidance in North America. Thanks to the many individuals who provided input and feedback - your contributions were invaluable.
- **Climate Leadership Awards and Conference, Seattle, March 8-10.** We hope you'll join us in Seattle for the fifth-annual [Climate Leadership Conference](#) and the EPA co-sponsored [Climate Leadership Awards](#). The conference convenes a global audience of climate, energy, and sustainability professionals and features expert speakers from organizations such as U.S. EPA, Exelon, Microsoft, HP, Stanford, Toyota, Caesars Entertainment, Intel, UPS and Walmart, to name just a few. It has become a can't-miss event for those engaged in finding climate solutions and accelerating the low-carbon economy - we hope to see you there!
- **2016 Reporting Season Kick Off.** Our [2016 reporting season kicked off](#) on February 17th. Our members will report their 2015 GHG emissions using GRP 2.1, and they now have access to new functionality in our CRIS reporting software: utility-specific emission factors reported under our Electric Power Sector (EPS) protocol are now loaded into CRIS, making online calculations possible; and there are a number of new reports available, including industry-, scope-, and emission year-specific summaries of all verified data that has been reported to TCR.
- **National Energy Efficiency Registry.** We and our state partners will soon kick off a stakeholder consultation process in an effort to gather suggestions for how a [national registry for energy efficiency projects](#) should be designed. We will be hosting a webinar in March for those who are interested in learning about this process and would

like to get involved, stay tuned for more information.

I hope you enjoy your extra day of February, courtesy of it being a leap year, and we look forward to seeing many of you in Seattle in a few weeks!

My very best,



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Emissions Year 2015 Reporting

General Reporting Protocol Version 2.1 Released

The Climate Registry was pleased to release [General Reporting Protocol Version 2.1 \(GRP v. 2.1\)](#) in early February 2016. GRP v. 2.1 was developed through a comprehensive public stakeholder process and was adopted by TCR's Board of Directors in January 2016. The primary updates relate to the incorporation of [GHG Protocol's Scope 2 Guidance](#), most notably the new requirement to report Scope 2 emissions according to two methods, the location-based and market-based methods. Members must use GRP v. 2.1 to report their 2015 emissions.

Members who would like more information can visit the [Reporting Toolkit](#) on our website to download Scope 2 FAQs, Scope 2 Calculation Tools, and other helpful member resources.

New Default Emission Factors in CRIS

Updated default emission factors are now available in TCR's Climate Registry Information System (CRIS) for members to use to report their 2015 emissions. In addition, [utility-specific emission factors](#) developed by TCR members in accordance with our [EPS Protocol](#) are now available in CRIS!



Feedback Requested on Proposed Updates and

Clarifications to GVP v. 2.1

TCR is proposing several updates to the GVP v. 2.1, which are detailed in the [GVP v. 2.1 Draft Updates and Clarifications \(February 2016\)](#) document. The primary updates relate to the incorporation of the GRP v. 2.1 updates into the verification process. Verifiers, members, and other stakeholders are welcomed to submit any feedback on the proposed updates by sending a completed [feedback template](#) as an attached Word file to verification@theclimateregistry.org by March 9, 2016. The Draft GRP v. 2.1 Updates and Clarifications document, feedback template, and draft verification forms are available on TCR's [General Verification Protocol webpage](#). Thank you in advance for your thoughtful feedback and comments. TCR will consider the feedback that is received in finalizing the GVP v. 2.1 updates.

**DOWNLOAD GVP v. 2.1 DRAFT
UPDATES & CLARIFICATIONS**



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2016 Climate Leadership Conference March 8-10 in Seattle

Join us March 8-10 in Seattle to connect with the nation's leaders on climate at the fifth annual [Climate Leadership Conference](#) (CLC). The CLC convenes around U.S. EPA's prestigious [Climate Leadership Awards](#), addressing climate change through policy, innovation, and business solutions.

TCR Members receive 20% off the registration price!

Email help@theclimateregistry.org for the code.

TCR Invites You to Attend our Side Event:

Achieving High Quality Data in Carbon Accounting

Tuesday, March 8th 9:00am - 12:00pm

Part 2: Streamlining the Inventory Verification Process and Lessons Learned

TCR will be discussing the updates to GRP v. 2.1 in more detail at our side event. Part 1 of this workshop will focus on the specific disclosures necessary to ensure your inventory is in conformance with the GHG Protocol Scope 2 Guidance as well as TCR's updated General Reporting Protocol. Part 2 will break down verification best practices for organizations interested in moving beyond reporting, highlight a case study of verification in action, and provide participants with new tips for ensuring quality data.

More ways to participate in the 2016 Climate Leadership Conference:

- **REGISTER TODAY! TCR members receive a 20% discount**
- Gain new insights through interactive programming - view the **AGENDA** and **SIDE EVENTS**
- Collaborate with your colleagues and build strategic business connections with **SPEAKERS** and **ATTENDEES**
- Book your travel. Take advantage of a 10% travel discount from Alaska Airlines, and book your discounted rooms at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel.
LEARN MORE ABOUT TRAVEL AND LODGING

Climate, energy, and sustainability professionals build strategic business connections through interactive learning sessions, networking events and tours, and the Climate Leadership Awards Dinner. The Climate Leadership Conference is presented by The Climate Registry and the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, with U.S. EPA as the event's headline sponsor.

General questions:

questions@ClimateLeadershipConference.org

Sponsorship & exhibitor questions:

sponsors@ClimateLeadershipConference.org

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On Wednesday, February 17th TCR was pleased to officially open the 2016 Reporting Season. Reporting for emissions year 2015 inventories is now available in CRIS. With the start of another reporting cycle, and the recent release of GRP v. 2.1, we've updated much of the functionality in CRIS and many of the reporting resources available to you. Please be sure to stop by and check out the following resources if you've still got questions on reporting to the new GRP requirements.

NEW: Reporting Toolkit Resources

In our reporting season kick-off webinar, we were happy to announce a revamped and improved Reporting Toolkit (Missed the webinar? Find it in our [Webinar Library](#)!). The location of the Reporting Toolkit is still the same on our website.

However, we have re-organized and consolidated many of our resources. **Please be sure to update your bookmarks or downloads if you have previously saved any resources in the Reporting Toolkit.**

In particular, be sure to take a look at these new and improved resources:

- Our updated [Reporting FAQs](#) can help answer a wide range of questions about TCR's reporting program and all steps of the reporting process, from setting up your inventory, to quantifying your emissions, to third-party verification.
- A new [Scope 2 FAQs](#) document addresses questions about reporting emissions using both the location- and market-based methods, as is required under GRP v. 2.1.
- Our [Scope 2 Calculation Tool](#) will replace the former electricity calculation tool. This updated tool will still help you to prorate utility bills and determine your annual activity data under the Area or Average Intensity Methods, but now also provides emission factor hierarchy maps to help you to determine the appropriate emission factors to rely on under both the location- and market-based methods, and to track those emission factors over time.

NEW: CRIS Features

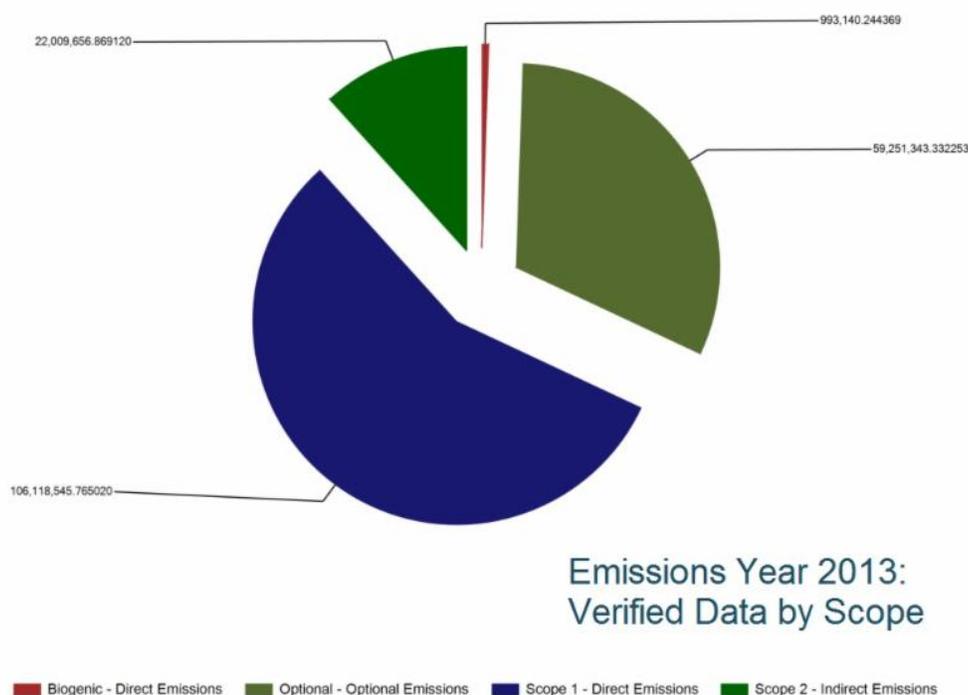
We've also unveiled a number of new [CRIS](#) features to help our members report a transparent and accurate carbon footprint. These new features will help streamline the process of reporting two Scope 2 totals. Some key updates include:

- The platform will automatically create two Scope 2 sources (to separately report location- and market-based emissions), and the emissions factor hierarchies for each method are then easy to navigate using CRIS' drop down menus.
- Utility-specific emission factors that were reported to TCR's [EPS Protocol](#) are

now available directly in CRIS' built-in calculator.

- CRIS will now automatically separate biogenic CO2 emissions and anthropogenic emissions from biomass combustion in reports- there's no longer a need to create two separate sources.
- A new report structure will also allow you to hide location-based emissions totals from public reports to more effectively communicate emissions reduction efforts to stakeholders.
- Offsets can now be applied to an inventory directly in CRIS, and will display as a direct line item in reports.

Finally, we're excited to introduce a new way to explore and analyze TCR's high-quality greenhouse gas emissions database. New reports and corresponding visuals are now available to summarize and sort all **public data** in CRIS. Emissions data that has been reported and verified to TCR's voluntary program since its inception can now be filtered by a wide range of parameters, including: emissions years, industry sectors, geographic locations, Scopes, and more! We hope that this new lens for viewing and manipulating the data reported to TCR will help you to better communicate the important work that you're doing to contribute to the broader climate discussion.



These reports are now publicly available in CRIS through the "Emissions Summary Reports" page under the "Reports" menu. If you're not a TCR member, you can still register for CRIS to view and analyze verified member data using these new features.

Batch Verification Announcement

Members emitting less than 1,000 mt CO2e per year are encouraged to apply for batch verification, a streamlined and cost-effective verification process for members with relatively simple GHG inventories (e.g. office-based organizations). If this description fits your organization, stay tuned for an announcement of this year's Batch

Verification Body and instructions on how to apply early next month.

If have any questions about the verification process please reach out to us at

verification@theclimateregistry.org.

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Congratulations New & Renewing

Cool Planet Members!

City of Culver City, CA
City of Huntington Beach, CA
City of Indian Wells, CA
City of Pomona, CA
City of South El Monte, CA
Park Water Company

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COOL PLANET PROJECT](#)

Video Premiere: 2015 Cool Planet Award Ceremony



The [Cool Planet Award](#) recognizes the valuable contribution of Southern California Edison business customers who demonstrate exemplary leadership in energy and

carbon management within their business size and industry. A customer recognition ceremony is held in the fall each year. Award recipients are honored with a plaque made out of recycled glass inscribed with their company name. The Cool Planet Awards Ceremony is an exceptional event that celebrates SCE's business customers and their commitment to installing energy efficiency projects, participating in demand response programs, and implementing environmental and GHG management systems.



Congratulations to our 2015 Cool Planet Award Recipients

Aquarium of the Pacific

Bentley Mills, Inc.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

City of Thousand Oaks

County of Riverside

Digital Realty

East Valley Water District

Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Linde

The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey

Honorable Mention

City of Camarillo

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**Stay Tuned: 2016 Cool Planet Award Nomination Forms will
be available in March!**



TCR & Energy Upgrade California

We're excited to be one of a select number of organizations across California awarded grants to develop and implement energy management outreach, awareness, and educational programs in their community. These grants are part of



[Energy Upgrade California](#)'s efforts to work with organizations across the state to educate Californians about the simple steps they can take to better manage energy, save money, and make their homes more comfortable.

This year, we'll be bringing Energy Upgrade California's message to cultural and community events across Los Angeles. If you live in Los Angeles, be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), as we'll be announcing upcoming events throughout the year. Come join the fun, learn about how you can manage your energy use, and help keep California golden!

[LEARN MORE](#)



Upcoming Events from our Partners



May 4-6, 2016 in San Diego, CA

As the nation's longest running and most anticipated conference for discussing climate policy and carbon markets, [Navigating the American Carbon World \(NACW\)](#) has a well-established history of providing the most comprehensive and up-to-date information on these topics and serving as the best event for networking with colleagues from the business, government, nonprofit and academic sectors. It is easily the largest carbon conference in North America and known as the sector's must-attend event.

In its fourteenth consecutive year, NACW 2016 will take a close look at domestic and international climate policy, carbon markets and green investments. Session topics will include U.S. and North American climate policy, the road after Paris, the current status and future growth of California's historic cap-and-trade program, other established and emerging carbon markets, state-level activity under the Clean Power

Plan, green bonds, risk management strategies and other innovative environmental initiatives.

NACW 2016 takes place May 4-6 in San Diego and is hosted by the [Climate Action Reserve](#), a pioneer in carbon accounting and the most experienced, trusted and efficient offset project registry to serve the carbon market.

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May 11-12, 2016 in Washington, D.C.

TCR is pleased to announce this year's leading international energy efficiency event:
[EE Global 2016!](#)

This year's theme-Driving Productivity and Profitability through Energy Efficiency-convenes high-caliber industry professionals, members of academia and policy makers looking to create partnerships, discuss the latest technology and develop "best practices" policies and strategies for global implementation of energy efficiency to help companies improve the bottom line and meet sustainability goals. Sessions offer high-level insights from business, policy and environmental leaders at the helm of the global energy-efficiency movement.

By attending EE Global, you will have the opportunity to participate in plenary and executive dialogue sessions aimed at driving actionable plans for the next generation of energy efficiency. Purchase your ticket now to join this line up of outstanding speakers, including:

- **Congressman Paul Tonko (D-NY)**, U.S. House of Representatives;
- **Jeff Eckel**, President and COO, Hannon Armstrong;
- **Jennifer Layke**, Director, Building Efficiency Initiative, World Resources Institute;
- **Cisco DeVries**, CEO, Renew Financial;
- **Elizabeth McDonald**, President, Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance;
- **Clay Nesler**, VP Corporate Sustainability, Johnson Controls; and
- **Peter Sweatman**, CEO, Climate Strategy and Partners.

Purchase or apply for your ticket to join the world's leading energy efficiency visionaries for a compelling dialogue at [EE Global on May 11-12, 2016 in Washington, D.C.](#)

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