

**Statement of New York Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner  
Joseph Martens in Response to the Announcement of Governor Christie that New Jersey  
Will Cease Its Participation in RGGI**

May 26, 2011 - The RGGI program has been extremely successful in supporting clean energy, reducing electricity bills and lowering greenhouse gas emissions throughout the region. In New York, investment of RGGI auction proceeds in energy efficiency improvements is leading to savings for thousands of New York residents and businesses and to the creation of thousands of high quality jobs.

Regionwide, emissions from the power plants covered by RGGI have gone down much faster than expected, providing the New York and its partners in RGGI with the opportunity to further strengthen the RGGI program. With the support of a broad range of stakeholders, New York will continue to participate in RGGI.

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