

**Statement of Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick in Response to the Announcement
of Governor Christie that New Jersey Will Cease Its Participation in RGGI**

May 26, 2011 - Climate change is a serious issue that requires a regional, national and international strategy. Massachusetts is a national leader in clean and alternative energy initiatives, and we remain committed to paving the way for a clean energy future both here in the Commonwealth and as a nation. It is disappointing that New Jersey has decided not to be part of the solution, but we will continue to work with the RGGI states to tackle this critical issue.

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