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RGGI Program Review: Public Engagement Scheduling Survey

Help Us By Completing This Short Survey

To improve the accessibility of RGGI public meetings, please complete this <u>5-minute survey</u>, which will help us to identify the best days, times, and methods to hold public meetings throughout the Third Program Review.

Program Review & Public Engagement

The RGGI participating states are committed to comprehensive, periodic review of their CO₂ budget trading programs to consider successes, impacts, and design elements (Program Review). In line with this commitment, the states have initiated the Third Program Review and are planning a set of public engagements to solicit feedback related to Program Review.

The RGGI states are working to ensure a robust public engagement process throughout Program Review. The first set of public engagements will be held in Fall 2021 and will include virtual public meetings. Future meetings could be held virtually or in-person depending on public health guidance at the time. During these meetings, members of the public can ask questions and provide verbal comments to the RGGI states. Meetings will be recorded and posted publicly to the RGGI website. Following each meeting, there will be an open comment period during which members of the public can submit written comments. Written and verbal comments will receive equal consideration by the RGGI states. Details will be provided on the RGGI website ahead of each set of public engagements.

To help improve the accessibility of public meetings, we have developed a short 5-minute survey to assess the best days and times to hold public meetings and to solicit feedback on accessibility needs. Please complete this survey by **Monday**, **August 30** to help inform the public engagement process.

You can access the short scheduling survey here.

About the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)

The Eastern states participating in the fifth RGGI control period (Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia) have implemented the first mandatory market-based regulatory program in the U.S. to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The 2021 RGGI cap is 119.8 million short tons. The RGGI states also include interim adjustments to the RGGI cap to account for banked CO₂ allowances. The 2021 RGGI adjusted cap is 100.7 million short tons.

RGGI is composed of individual CO_2 budget trading programs in each state, based on each state's independent legal authority. A CO_2 allowance represents a limited authorization to emit one short ton of CO_2 , as issued by a respective state. A regulated power plant must provide CO_2 allowances equal to its emissions for each three-year control period.

RGGI's fifth control period began on January 1, 2021 and extends through December 31, 2023. For more information visit <u>www.rggi.org</u>.

About the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc.

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc. (RGGI, Inc.) was created to provide technical and administrative services to the states participating in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. RGGI, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, visit: <u>www.rggi.org/rggi-inc/contact</u>.