

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

an Initiative of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States of the U.S.

Anticipated Schedule for 2012 Program Review

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Program Review

The nine states participating in the second RGGI control period¹ are updating the anticipated schedule for conducting the 2012 program review called for in the initial [RGGI Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#). As the MOU specifies the program review will be a comprehensive evaluation to include program success, program impacts, additional emissions reductions, imports and emissions leakage, and offsets. The comprehensive 2012 program review is part of RGGI's initial design and the states' ongoing commitment to ensure the environmental integrity of the RGGI program and the long-term development of the RGGI market.

Program Review Preparations

To support the program review, the states have been:

- Gathering analytical material on topics that states may address in the program review, such as the CO₂ allowance budget and flexibility mechanisms
- Developing electricity sector IPM modeling and holding meetings with stakeholders to obtain input on modeling assumptions and results
- Conducting Learning Sessions with experts and stakeholders on key program design elements, such as flexibility mechanisms, electricity sector markets and imports
- Developing IPM potential scenarios for modeling and requesting comments from stakeholders on such modeling
- Gathering information and soliciting stakeholder feedback on RGGI program operations
- Conducting economic analyses of the IPM potential scenarios
- Publishing additional materials for stakeholder comment such as a whitepaper on power sector CO₂ emissions reductions from 2005 to 2009

All of the above, along with additional materials being gathered throughout the remainder of 2012 and beginning of 2013, will be considered in the evaluation of potential modifications to the program.

For more information on program review and to review stakeholder comments, visit http://www.rggi.org/design/program_review.

¹ New Jersey Withdrawal of Agreement to RGGI Memorandum of Understanding is available at: http://www.rggi.org/docs/Documents/NJ-Statement_112911.pdf

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In order to facilitate stakeholder engagement and the gathering of comments from interested parties, the nine states participating in the second RGGI control period are providing an updated anticipated schedule for conducting the 2012 program review. The states continue to gather analytical materials and comments from interested parties. Each of the states will evaluate these analytical materials and consider any potential changes to their programs.

Over the next months, the states anticipate conducting the following activities:

The states continue to request comment on the Draft Model Rule released on November 14th. Please send written comments to info@rggi.org.

December 2012 – January 2013

- Conduct January 8th stakeholder webinar to solicit feedback on IPM potential scenarios modeling, sensitivity analyses of IPM potential scenarios, and customer bill analysis
- Continue to review and consider stakeholder comments
- Review and refine IPM potential scenarios and conduct sensitivity analyses of IPM potential scenarios
- Continue macroeconomic and customer bill analyses

February 2013

- Conduct February stakeholder webinar on Model Rule with proposed 2014 CO₂ allowance budget and program review changes, IPM potential scenarios, and macroeconomic and customer bill analyses
- Begin state-specific public processes, and legislative and/or rule-making processes, with potential refinements to the RGGI program, as necessary and appropriate, becoming effective during the second control period