

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

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

Draft Proposed Schedule for 2016 Program Review

Background and Summary

The states participating in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI participating states) are committed to comprehensive periodic program review and evaluation.

The RGGI participating states conducted a comprehensive [2012 Program Review](#) resulting in program improvements that were first implemented in 2014. As part of the 2012 Program Review the RGGI participating states released a [Summary of Recommendations to Accompany Model Rule Amendments](#) which included a statement that “*The Participating States will conduct ongoing program evaluation to continually improve RGGI. The Participating States commit to commencing comprehensive program review no later than 2016 to consider program successes, impacts, potential additional reductions to the cap post-2020, and other program design elements.*”

2016 Program Review and the EPA Clean Power Plan

The RGGI participating states will also use the regional 2016 Program Review stakeholder meetings as an opportunity to receive comments from stakeholders and experts on potential program changes in pursuit of compliance with the EPA Clean Power Plan (CPP).

The following summarizes the state plan submission schedule discussed in the EPA Clean Power Plan. More information on the EPA Clean Power Plan is available at <http://www2.epa.gov/cleanpowerplan/clean-power-plan-existing-power-plants>.

State Plan Submission Deadlines under the EPA CPP

- By Sept. 2016: States need to submit either a final plan or an initial submittal with a request for an extension.
- By Sept. 2017: States submit update on planning progress.
- By Sept. 2018: States requesting an extension submit final plans either alone or in cooperation with other states.

Proposed 2016 Program Review Stakeholder Meeting Schedule

The RGGI participating states intend to hold regularly scheduled stakeholder meetings throughout the 2016 Program Review. RGGI, Inc. will be facilitating the stakeholder meetings on behalf of the RGGI participating states.

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In order to maximize the opportunity for stakeholder engagement and the submission of comments from interested parties, the RGGI participating states are releasing the following proposed schedule for 2016 Program Review stakeholder meetings. Please note that this is a draft proposed schedule, which will be updated over time. Additional stakeholder meetings will be added as needed; and state-specific stakeholder meetings will also occur throughout the regional program review process.

RGGI, Inc. anticipates releasing details on meeting locations and agendas for each stakeholder meeting in advance of the meetings, as they are finalized.

Stakeholder meetings will be a combination of in-person meetings and meetings via webinar. In persons meetings will also provide for teleconference or webinar participation. Stakeholders are encouraged to attend these meetings to maximize their opportunity to participate in the program review process.

November 2015

- November 17, 2015 Stakeholder meeting in NY, NY

Winter 2016

- Stakeholder meeting
- Meeting Location- RGGI PJM State (DE or MD)

Spring 2016

- Stakeholder meeting (proposing webinar)

Summer 2016

- Stakeholder meeting
- Meeting Location-RGGI New England State (CT or MA)