

Updated Draft Proposed Schedule for 2016 Program Review

June 29, 2016

2016 Program Review

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.*”

The RGGI participating states are also using the 2016 Program Review process as an opportunity to receive comments on EPA Clean Power Plan (CPP) implementation.

To support the 2016 Program Review, to date the states have been:

- Gathering analytical material on topics that states may address in the program review, such as the CO₂ emission reductions budget and flexibility mechanisms
- Developing electricity sector IPM modeling and holding meetings with stakeholders to obtain input on modeling assumptions and results
- Attending independent learning sessions with experts and stakeholders on key program design elements, such as flexibility mechanisms, electricity sector markets and imports
- Gathering information and soliciting stakeholder feedback on RGGI program operations and implementations
- Releasing additional materials for stakeholder comment

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The RGGI participating states are holding regularly scheduled stakeholder meetings throughout the 2016 Program Review. RGGI, Inc. is facilitating these meetings on behalf of the RGGI participating states.

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Stakeholder meetings use a combination of in-person meetings and webinar meetings. In-person meetings also provide for conference call or webinar participation. Stakeholders are encouraged to attend meetings to maximize their opportunity to participate.

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 updates to the draft proposed schedule for the 2016 Program Review. This schedule may continue to be updated and revised over time. Additional stakeholder meetings will be added as needed, and state-specific stakeholder meetings also occur throughout the regional program review process.

Stakeholder Meetings Schedule

Fall 2015

- November 17, 2015 (NY)

Winter 2016

- February 2, 2016 (DE)

Spring 2016

- April 29, 2016 (MA)

Summer 2016

- June 17, 2016 (webinar)

Early Fall 2016

- Meeting location: TBD
- Tentative agenda: Discussion of RGGI program elements and modeling analysis

Fall 2016

- Meeting location: TBD or Webinar
- Tentative agenda: Review and discuss proposed Model Rule changes

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Winter 2016/Early 2017

- Begin state-specific public processes, including legislative and/or rule-making processes as necessary and appropriate.
- States anticipate proposed program changes to be implemented starting in the the fourth control period (2018-2020)

RGGI, Inc. releases details on meeting locations and agendas in advance of the meetings, as they are finalized. Materials are posted to the 2016 Program Review [Stakeholder Meetings](#) page.