

NEW ENGLAND GOVERNORS/EASTERN CANADIAN PREMIERS (NEGC) Climate Change Action Plan

Description:

The Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEG/ECP) is a unique international collaboration between states and provinces that effectively shares ideas and addresses issues relating to the environment, economic development, tourism, energy, fisheries, trade and agriculture.

Based in part on the past success of the NEG/ECP Mercury and Acid Rain Action Plans (June 1998), a regional steering committee of environment and energy officials was formed to draft a plan to address the growing concerns of global warming. The Climate Change Action Plan (http://www.negc.org/documents/NEG-ECP_CCAP.PDF) was submitted to and accepted by the NEG/ECP at its meeting in Westbrook, Connecticut in August 2001.

The plan is a voluntary agreement to pursue coordinated actions on climate change including measures such as: shifting to lower/zero carbon energy resources where economically feasible; implementing actions that will support and develop the regional economy; maintaining secure and reliable energy supplies in the region; fostering long-term environmental and economic sustainability; working with our federal governments to seek additional solutions that can be addressed at the national and international level.

Through implementing these measures the plan sets forth the following short, medium and long-term greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals:

- Reduce greenhouse gas levels to 1990 levels by 2010
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 10% below 1990 levels by 2020
- Reduce emissions to negate climate interference overall (75-85% reduction)

In conjunction with the NEG/ECP plan, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island have produced State Climate Action Plans.¹

Supporting Documents:

Report to New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers on Climate Change Projects: <http://www.negc.org/documents/850088026.pdf>

Letter to NEG/ECP <http://www.newenglandclimate.org/files/LetterAug2102.pdf>

Principles for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in New England
<http://www.newenglandclimate.org/files/Principles.pdf>

¹ Information from The New England Governor's Conference website: <http://www.negc.org/>; The Eastern Canadian Premiers website: <http://www.cap-cpma.ca/default.asp?mn=1.62.4.28>; and

Resolutions:

Vermont Executive Order to comply with NEG-ECP goals:

<http://www.vermont.gov/governor/orders/Climate-Change-Action-Plan.html>

27th Annual Conference of the New England Governors and the Eastern Canadian
Premiers Québec, Quebec - August 25-27, 2002 – Resolution 27-7 Concerning Climate
Change <http://www.negc.org/02En003.html>

Resolution 26-4 Concerning Energy and the Environment

http://www.ctclimatechange.com/pdf/NEG_Report.pdf