

THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS COALITION

Mission

The mission of the Northeast Regional Greenhouse Gas Coalition (GHG Coalition) is to support and enhance the efforts of its members in understanding state, regional, federal, and international policy developments in the climate change area in order to assist them in (1) formulating and achieving their business goals and (2) participating in the development of GHG policies that are sustainable from both an economic and an environmental perspective. Our efforts are focused on insuring that where GHG policies are evolving they are coordinated on a broad regional level and leverage market-based compliance solutions.

Overview of Services

M. J. Bradley & Associates (MJB&A) provides facilitation, administrative and technical services to the GHG Coalition. In general, the activities of the GHG Coalition can be divided into four basic services:

- *A Regulatory Analysis Service* - providing a centralized source of information on climate change issues occurring on state, regional, federal, and international levels, through *The Climate Change Briefing* and the members-only website.
- *A Forum for Strategic Discussions* –meetings with key government representatives and environmental groups for members to collaborate in the emerging regional climate change policy dialogue.
- *Coordination of Strategic Action* - the development of ad hoc teams to implement strategic advocacy efforts. These teams may vary with the issues, depending on the situation and perspectives of individual members.
- *Technical Analysis Assistance* - an “on-call” limited response function for members focused on a more in-depth understanding of a regulatory proposal or on the implications for their specific business.
- *News Updates* – up-to-the-minute updates on important climate policy developments.

Strategic Action

The Northeast Regional Greenhouse Gas Coalition is actively engaged in various state and regional climate change policy debates through meetings with regulators, public comments, reports, and analyses. The Coalition is establishing itself as a constructive, credible voice on climate change issues. Issues that we are actively engaged in or track for our members include:

1. Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) to create a CO₂ Cap-and-Trade Program for the Electric Industry
2. Northeast Greenhouse Gas Registry Initiative
3. Northeast Combined Heat and Power Initiative Developments
4. New England Governors/Eastern Canadian Premiers Climate Change Action Plan and Associated Efforts
5. Western Governors Global Warming Initiative
6. Federal Voluntary GHG Program Developments
7. Federal Voluntary GHG Reporting Program (1605b) Revisions
8. Kyoto Protocol Ratification and Flexible Mechanisms (JI, CDM, ET) Implementation and Status
9. International GHG Programs (i.e., EU ETS, Japan, Australia, etc.)
10. GHG Emission Trading Developments and Transactions

Strategic Information

MJB&A provides regular analysis and tracking of climate change developments through the members-only Coalition website, e-mail notices, and bi-weekly newsletter *The Climate Change Briefing*. Information available from the GHG Coalition website includes:

- *The Climate Change Briefing* - Current and past issues of the bi-weekly publication providing analysis of important climate change policy developments.
- *Issue Spotlights* – In-depth exploration of a current climate policy topic of significance. Example topics include state and regional policy schemes, greenhouse gas registries, carbon sequestration, and renewables.
- *Policy Updates* - Updates on recent state and federal air quality policy developments including links to full reports, press releases, etc.
- *GHG Coalition Documents* - A list of, and links to, various GHG Coalition documents including the GHG Coalition reports and comments on proposed climate change regulatory/legislative initiatives.
- *News Updates* – Up-to-the-minute updates on important climate policy developments.