

Climate Change Action Plan

Working Group Summaries

The Working Groups (WGs) will work under direction of the Task Force. The primary task of each WG is to identify and analyze greenhouse gas mitigation options and alternative policy designs within the scope of that WG, to assist the Technical Consultants and DES in a collaborative fashion, and to prepare recommendations for the Task Force. The recommendations will include options for analysis, option design, and alternative approaches.

WGs will be divided into four emission source sectors:

1. *Electric Generation* (including demand side efficiency and conservation),
2. *Transportation and Land Use*,
3. *Residential, Commercial, and Industrial*, and
4. *Agriculture, Forestry and Waste*.

Two additional WGs will be charged with identifying policy recommendations regarding:

1. *Government Leadership and Action; and*
2. *Adaptation*

Working Groups

Electric Generation and Usage (EGU)

The EGU Working Group will be charged with selecting the strategies, most suited to NH, which are able to achieve the greatest feasible reduction in greenhouse gas emissions resulting from power generation. The policies and programs will achieve the reductions via demand and supply-side mechanisms including energy efficiency and conservation; and renewable and low carbon fuels.

Transportation and Land Use (TLU)

The TLU Working groups will be charged with identifying the strategies that are able to achieve the greatest feasible reduction in GHG emissions resulting from transportation in all economic sectors as well as land use of all types. The potential policies and programs will achieve the reductions thru a variety of mechanisms that target direct and indirect emissions caused by transportation and land use individually as well as those areas where they exacerbate the other's impacts.

Residential, Commercial and Industrial (RCI)

The RCI Working Group will be charged with choosing the actions that are enable the State of NH to achieve the greatest feasible reduction in emissions resulting from commercial and residential activities, and industrial processes. The resulting strategies will heavily target building heating, however, this WG will significantly address specific issues related to demand side power management.

Agriculture, Forestry and Waste (AFW)

The AFW Working Group will be charged with identifying the strategies that are able to achieve the greatest feasible reduction in greenhouse gas emissions resulting from agricultural activities, including: livestock raising; forest management; solid waste

management; and wastewater disposal. The primary connection between these sectors is the biologically-mediated nature of their emissions.

Government Leadership & Action (GLA)

The GLA Working Group will be charged with selecting the strategies that are able to achieve the greatest feasible reduction in greenhouse gas emissions resulting from State related activities. The resulting policies and programs will cut across a variety of sectors (EGU, TLU, AFW) and final recommendations can be supplemented by parallel work in other WGs.

Adaptation (ADP)

The ADP Working Group will be charged with identifying the threats to the State's residents and economy and developing a course of action that will enable the State to anticipate and respond to the impacts of climate change.