



The Clean Air Association of the Northeast States

101 Merrimac Street, 10th Floor Boston, MA 02114
Phone 617-259-2000 Fax 617-742-9162
www.nescaum.org

Eastern Climate Registry


supporting state and regional
climate goals

*Heather Kaplan, Registry Program Director
WRAP Meeting
Salt Lake City, Utah
April 4th & 5th, 2006*

Eastern Climate Registry: Purpose

(the Registry formerly known as “RGGR”)

The Eastern Climate Registry will support multiple climate policy and program needs:

- Emissions reporting
 - Emissions tracking
 - Provide the infrastructure for voluntary and mandatory GHG reporting programs
 - Help implement state and regional climate change initiatives
- 


Eastern Climate Registry: Goal

Registries need to create a consistent GHG reporting and accounting platform to:

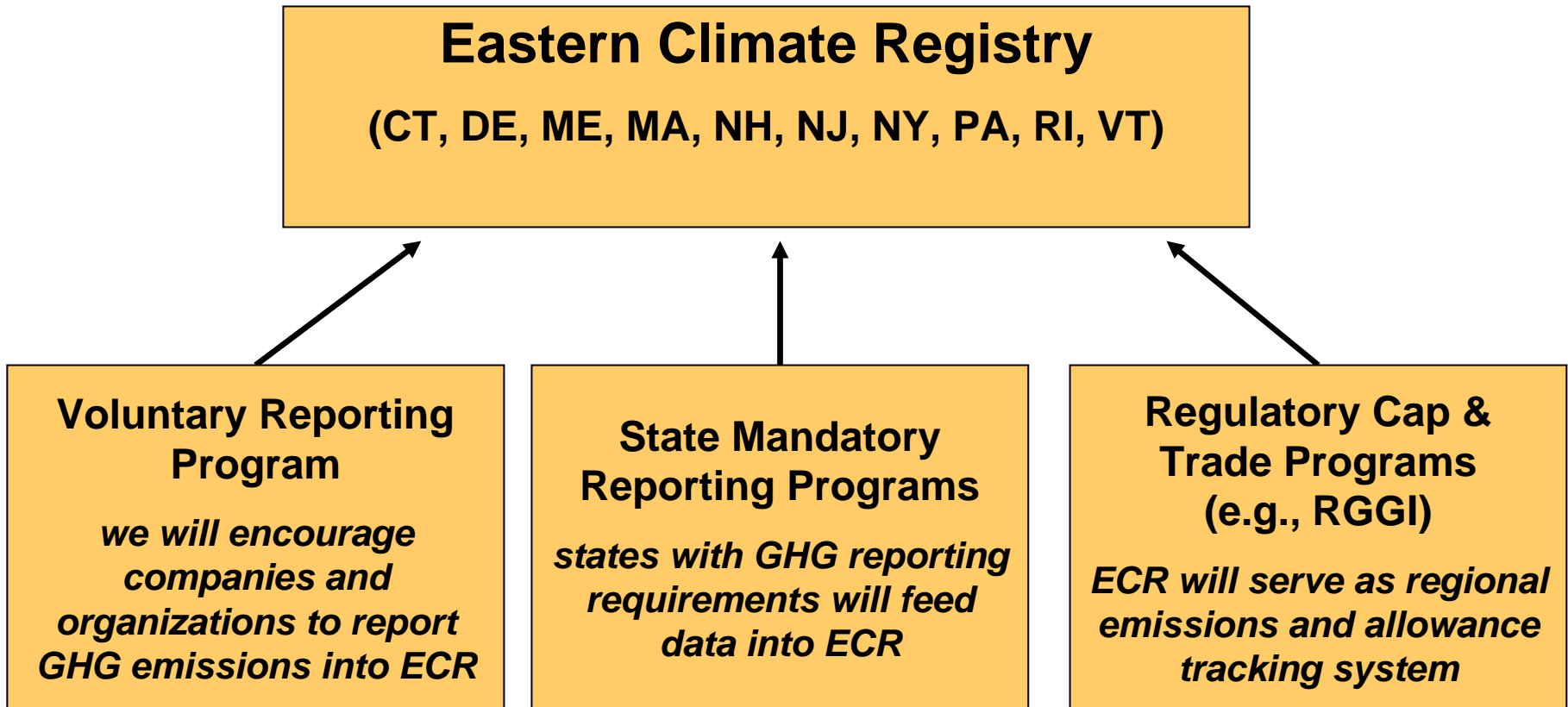
- ❖ Document credible data
- ❖ Develop consistent accounting standards
- ❖ Establish a common currency



Eastern Climate Registry: History

- NEG/ECP Climate Change Action Plan (2001)
 - State Climate Change Action Plans: CT, MA, ME, NH, RI
 - State legislation in CT and ME
 - Mandatory GHG reporting programs: CT, ME, NJ
 - Cap & Trade: CT, DE, ME, NH, NJ, NY, VT
- 

Eastern Climate Registry: Design



Eastern Climate Registry: Building Blocks

1) Accounting principles

- Sector, sources, and gases covered
- Geographical boundaries
- Verification/Certification
- Project-based accounting

2) Quantification protocols

- Calculation methodologies and tools (e.g., agricultural sector, cement sector, mobile sources, etc.)

3) Reporting platform

- Software design and data input
- 


Eastern Climate Registry: Timeline

- Ten Eastern States now in process of signing formal MOU
- Facilitating final stakeholder process for voluntary reporting program in April/May
- Plan to recruit companies to report and become operational in Summer/Fall 2006



Registry Alliance:

A Multi-State GHG Registry Collaboration

- As state GHG registries emerge companies are confused about where and how to report leading to:
 - decreased participation
 - lack of standardization in accounting standards and procedures
 - competition between voluntary programs
 - WRI sponsored workshop between Eastern Climate Registry and California Registry to discuss potential synergies – LADCO & other states (e.g., AZ, NM) participated as observers
 - Participants agreed there's clear overlap on GHG accounting standards and quantification methodologies and that states should work towards harmonizing their programs
- 

The Registry Alliance: Phase I

- Facilitate Registry Alliance Working Group
 - streamline process for other states to join
- Ensure consistent GHG accounting and reporting requirements
- Create a single reporting portal
 - common web interface and national reporting template



The Registry Alliance: Phase II

- Phase II work plan defined by Registry Alliance Working Group
- Potential centralization of multi-state registry functions:
 - database system
 - administration
 - third-party verification
 - outreach to reporters



Registry Alliance: Timeline

Spring 2006:

- Agreement to establish the Registry Alliance signed between California Registry and NESCAUM (LADCO participating as official observer); other states/regions can join Alliance at any time

Summer – Fall 2006:

- Development of a Registry Alliance Working Group with state participation and stakeholder feedback

Winter 2006 – Fall 2007:

- Phase I Implementation of Registry Alliance work plan
- 

Contact Info:

Heather Kaplan

Climate Policy Analyst, NESCAUM

617-259-2012

hkaplan@nescaum.org

www.easternclimateregistry.org



The Clean Air Association of the Northeast States



www.nescaum.org