

# THE CLIMATE REGISTRY

## RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

In July and August, Yukon, Alberta, and Northwest Territories joined The Climate Registry as new Members, bringing the total Climate Registry membership to: 39 US states and D.C.; 10 Canadian provinces and 2 territories; 6 Mexican states and 3 Native Sovereign Nations. The governors of each of these jurisdictions has publicly committed to support The Registry's voluntary reporting program and its efforts to uniformly measure, inventory, and report GHG emissions. Moreover, the states and provinces that are Members of The Registry now represent almost 100% of the Canadian population and over 85% of the overall North American population.



The Climate Registry has active involvement from its 273 Reporters located throughout Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The Reporters, many of which are Fortune 500 companies, have committed to voluntarily reporting their carbon footprints to The Climate Registry. Why? Companies, it seems, are realizing that economic viability requires environmental accountability.

In honoring these 273 Reporters, The Climate Registry is working with states, provinces, tribes, and federal programs to support future and current mandatory reporting programs and to promote consistency amongst reporting programs. The Climate Registry has joined with two divisions of the U.S. EPA (the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards and the Climate Change Division) to create a Consolidated Emissions Reporting Schema (CERS). This new data system will allow far easier emissions data sharing between the U.S. EPA, States, The Climate Registry, and companies with an Environmental Management System.

On another note, The Registry has also recently launched its ClimatEEfficient program, which administers energy efficiency and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction programs with regional utilities. This program focuses on a participating utility's large corporate and industrial customers, promoting the installation of energy efficiency projects that will not only reduce overall energy usage but substantially reduce their GHG emissions as well. The program is currently underway with Southern California Edison and The Gas Company and is set to roll out throughout North America in 2009.

Whether now or later, organizations will feel the costs associated with climate change. And businesses and organizations that voluntarily report their emissions gain more than just preparation for regulation. By preparing a GHG mitigation plan with the reporting structure that The Climate Registry provides, businesses protect their economic interests, affirm their public environmental leadership, gain the experience needed to contribute to shaping regulatory legislation, and take advantage of voluntary mechanisms while they last. Organizations that do not account for their GHG emissions and work to mitigate them will already be way behind when regulatory policies take effect. So why fumble around when regulations take effect when pre-regulatory voluntary reporting and mitigation brings so many advantages?

**MISSION:**

The Climate Registry sets consistent and transparent standards for the measurement, verification, and public reporting of greenhouse gas emissions throughout North America in a single, unified registry. The Registry is a nonprofit organization that supports both voluntary and mandatory reporting programs, provides meaningful information to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and embodies the highest levels of environmental integrity.

For additional information about The Climate Registry, please visit [www.theclimateregistry.org](http://www.theclimateregistry.org).