Since 2009, RGGI has been the Northeast’s innovative regional program to limit climate-disrupting carbon pollution from power plants. RGGI sets a mandatory limit on the total amount of carbon pollution power plants are allowed to emit each year within the region, and power plant owners must purchase allowances for the carbon they’re emitting. These allowance purchases generate revenues for participating states to invest in energy efficiency, clean energy, and supporting impacted communities. Each year the regional carbon limit is lowered, so less and less pollution is created. The participating RGGI states are Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

**RGGI’S EFFECT ON REGION’S CARBON POLLUTION**
Since 2005, power sector CO₂ emissions in RGGI states have dropped 45%, even as the regional economy grew nearly 10%.

**Bottom line:** RGGI has helped make the Northeast into the national leader in cutting carbon pollution.

**RGGI’S EFFECT ON NEW YORK’S ECONOMY**
Since 2009, New York has generated over $700 million in proceeds from requiring polluters to pay, and these funds have been reinvested in efforts to improve residential energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote community-based renewable energy projects, assist low-income consumers in paying their electricity bills, and train workers for jobs in the renewable energy sector. RGGI has already delivered over $1 billion in energy bill savings to 130,000 households, and 2,500 businesses. In addition, RGGI has provided critical funding to train more than 3,500 workers for the new clean energy economy.

**Bottom line:** RGGI is saving families money, boosting local economies, and driving investment in clean energy.

**HOW RGGI MONEY IS BEING SPENT IN NEW YORK**
RGGI investments in New York promote clean energy, pollution reduction and high-paying, local job creation. RGGI has already created over 4,000 good-paying jobs across New York. Below is a breakdown of where the money will go this year.

**Bottom line:** RGGI is supporting New York’s progress on climate while creating thousands of jobs.

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WHAT A STRONGER RGGI WILL MEAN FOR NEW YORK

A stronger RGGI that cuts power plant carbon pollution by 50% between 2020 and 2030 would align with Governor Cuomo’s goal of reducing carbon pollution 40% by 2030.

In turn it will create thousands of jobs and save electric customers money, all while protecting our environment.

Let the Governor know you’re counting on him to put New York in position to be a leader in climate protection in the Northeast by advocating for a stronger RGGI. Sign the petition now! sc.org/NYRGGI

ENDNOTES


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