

Climate Change Advisory Committee Meeting

August 24, 2021

Tom Wolf, Governor

Patrick McDonnell, Secretary

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CCAC Letters

- 8 CCAC members submitted letters to be appended to the CAP, totaling over 37 pages.
- These letters will be appended to the final 2021 CAP



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Pennsylvania's DRAFT 2021 GHG Inventory Report (2018 Data Year)

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State Inventory Tool (SIT)

- Made available in October 2020, with updates to the tool released in November 2020, August 2021.
- EPA updated all 11 modules with data through 2018.



- 2018 data shows a net emissions increase from 2017. This is the second consecutive year with a GHG increase.
- Emissions increases occurred in the Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and Agricultural sectors.
- Emissions decreases occurred in the Transportation and Electricity Production sectors.
- The Waste Management sector saw no significant change in emissions.
- There was a decrease in CO₂ sequestered in the LULUCF sector in 2018 compared to 2017.







Pennsylvania 2018 GHG Emissions % of Total by Sector





- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Transportation
- Electricity Production
- Agriculture
- Waste Management

GHG Emissions (MMTCO₂e) by Sector





2018 GHG Emissions By Sector (MMTCO₂e)





2018 Change from 2017









Percent Electricity Production By Fuel Type





GHG Emissions from Electricity Production Sector by Source (% of Total)





Industrial Sector





Industrial Sector

GHG Emissions from Industrial Sector by Source (% of Total)







Residential Sector





Residential Sector

Residential Emissions by Fuel Type (% of Total)





Commercial Sector





Commercial Sector

Commercial Emissions by Fuel Type (% of Total)



Transportation Sector





Transportation Sector

Transportation Emissions by Fuel Type (% of Total)





Waste Management Sector





Agricultural Sector

GHG Emissions from Agricultural Sector by Source (% of Total)





Summary by Gas







Questions?

Public Comment (15 min)





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- Summarizes the Energy Programs Office's energy-related plans, supporting policies, and programs;
- Recommends new clean energy actions to be taken over the next several years;
- Explores approaches that may be taken to anticipate future events and mitigate disruptions to ensure energy resilience and security.
- Guides EPO toward achieving ambitious long-term clean energy goals while fulfilling our obligations to support energy conservation and efficiency, advance clean energy technologies, and ensure energy security and resilience.







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Collaborative Effort with our Partners:

In addition to DEP, EPO and our Consultants:

- Offices and agencies within the Pennsylvania government,
 - DCED, PAPUC, Dept of Ag.
- Non-Governmental Organizations,
- Regional planning commissions,
- Energy policy consultants,
- Higher education institutions,
- Technology experts,
- Utilities, and
- Advocacy organizations.



Includes: EPO's Purpose and Mission

Who We Are and What We do

- History and Function
- Clean Energy Leadership
- Partnerships with Other Agencies, Networks and Programs
- Energy Assurance and Climate Obligations
- Key Programs

EPO Five Focus Areas

- Energy conservation and efficiency
- Advanced energy technologies
- Energy security and resilience
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Education and outreach



Includes: Near-Term Planning Suggestions and Tools

Recommendations for Short-Term Program Actions or Initiatives

- Actions that will develop a pathway to achieving long-term Commonwealth climate and energy goals while providing residents and businesses with clean, reliable energy.
- Focus on both expanding or enhancing existing programs; and developing new programs

Guiding Principles and Best Practices for EPO Planning and Programming

- Enhance collaboration between government and stakeholders.
- Enhance the marketing of programs and communication of results.
- Integrate energy assurance and resilience in planning efforts.
- Consider the needs of vulnerable communities and the effects of actions on equity, access, and inclusion.



Includes: Suggestions on Measurement and Evaluation

To Ensure Programs are on Track and are Delivering Expected Results:

- Conduct program assessments periodically to assess progress over the program duration
- Develop and deploy a program tracker to provide a comprehensive overview of ongoing efforts
- Reconfirm Program metrics examples provided in report
 - Funds invested in clean energy programs.
 - Number of business or people trained.
 - Website hits or downloads on specific resources or training materials.
 - Number of new clean energy projects implemented across the state, or total installed new capacity.
 - Number of communities directly benefitting from EPO-funded programs, and varied characteristics of those communities to ensure equity.



Includes: Forward Looking Priorities

Technology Areas for Trend Tracking

- Carbon capture utilization and sequestration (CCUS)
- Offshore wind and Energy Storage
- Disruptive digital technologies
- Small and large distributed energy resources
- Alternative fuels
- Transportation innovations

A Focus on Energy Resilience

 An overarching priority for EPO's programs both today and into the future is to maintain and enhance preparedness to respond to and assist in recovery from disruptive events that affect Pennsylvania's energy systems.



An Emphasis on Equity

- The effects of climate change are growing and the burdens of climate change are not equally distributed.
- Communities that are especially vulnerable or underrepresented often suffer the most, and climate change impacts can exacerbate existing social inequalities.
 - Access to clean, affordable energy is a key strategy to address both concerns.
- EPO should increase its work with the DEP Environmental Justice Office and other agencies to create programs to benefit vulnerable communities and consider the needs and concerns of these communities



Includes: Guidance on Ensuring Success

- Strive to identify and recognize the potential for technology to both solve problems and enhance business practices in the energy marketplace to achieve EPO's mission
- Look to anticipate needs and implement adjustments to programs to leverage technologies and services with the potential to have the largest effect either by broad implementation or via transformational breakthroughs in technology.
- Dedicate staff time and efforts to focus on planning and building relationships with a broad set of stakeholders of differing perspectives.
- Seek regular input from stakeholders to keep program implementers up to date on what is happening around the Commonwealth and how technology, program, and project implementation is changing.



Project Recommendations:













EPO will endeavor to develop and deliver the recommended program actions contained in the report and retain a future focus in order to achieve success in achieving both short and long-term energy and environmental goals.

- Collaborating with other agencies and organizations
- Considering equity, access, and inclusion and the needs of and effects on vulnerable communities
- Ensuring effective marketing of programs and results
- Conducting program impact assessments
- Creating and using a program tracker
- Integrating energy assurance and resilience in planning efforts





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2021 Regular Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday February 23
- Tuesday April 27
- Tuesday June 22
- Tuesday August 24
- Tuesday October 26
- Tuesday December 14

