

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF AIR RESOURCES**

Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period

Concerning proposed Amendments to Air Pollution Control Regulations No. 46 "CO₂ Budget Trading Program" and Air Pollution Control Regulations No. 47 "CO₂ Budget Trading Program Allowance Distribution"

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 46 "CO₂ Budget Trading Program" and Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 47 "CO₂ Budget Trading Program Allowance Distribution", will be held in Room 230 of the Department of Environmental Management, at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island on Friday November 22, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., at which time interested parties will be heard.

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is composed of individual CO₂ Budget Trading Programs in each RGGI participating state. Each participating state's CO₂ Budget Trading Program is based on the 2008 RGGI Model Rule, which was developed to provide guidance to states as they implemented the RGGI program. RGGI participating states have completed a 2012 Program Review, which is a comprehensive evaluation of program successes, program impacts, the potential for additional reductions, imports and emissions leakage, and offsets.

Amendments to the Model Rule were developed by the RGGI state staff as part of the Program Review. This effort was supported by an extensive regional stakeholder process that engaged the regulated community, environmental non-profits, and other organizations with technical expertise in the design of cap-and-trade programs.

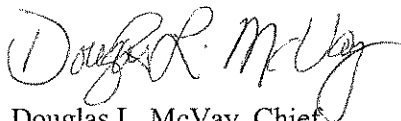
As a result of the program review process described above, The Department of Environmental Management proposes to amend the Rhode Island CO₂ Budget Trading Program Regulations to incorporate the changes made in the RGGI Model Rule.

DEM has complied with the requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-35-3 by considering alternative approaches to the proposed regulations and has determined that there is no alternative approach that would be as effective and less burdensome. DEM has also determined that the proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate any other state regulation. DEM has complied with the requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-35-3.3, 42-35.1-3 and 42-35.1-4 by preparing an Economic Impact Statement and a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis and providing these to the Office of Regulatory Reform.

Copies of the proposed amendments and a Fact Sheet are available at the Office of Air Resources at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island or on the Department's web site at www.dem.ri.gov. Written comments on the proposed amendments may be sent to the Office of Air Resources at the above address until 4:00 PM, November 27, 2013, at that time the comment period will end, unless extended by the hearing officer. It is requested that persons who wish to make oral comments during the public hearing submit a copy of their statement for the record. Members of the Office of Air Resources may question commenters concerning their remarks.

The Department of Environmental Management building is accessible to those with disabilities. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodation should contact the Office of Air Resources at (401) 222-6800, or (401) 222-2808, or toll free at 1-800-752-8088, at least three business days prior to the hearing.

Signed this 25th day of October, 2013.



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