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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Energy Programs Office



Overview of the Energy Programs Office (EPO) Climate Outreach Initiatives

Climate Change Advisory Committee
June 25, 2019

Tom Wolf, Governor

Patrick McDonnell, Secretary

Climate Change Story Map



Climate Action Plan Booklet

Pennsylvania Climate Action Plan

Strategies and actions to reduce and adapt to climate change



Message from Governor Wolf



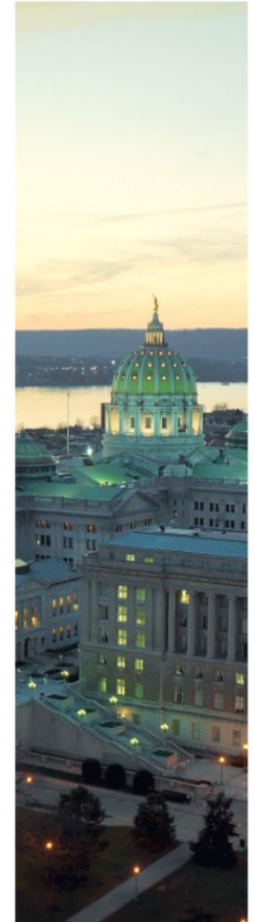
Climate change, created by increased greenhouse gas emissions, is the most critical environmental threat facing the world. Science indicates that just a 2 degrees Celsius rise likely will have potentially irreversible major consequences, including sea level rise, superstorms, and crippling heat waves.

In the absence of federal leadership, states and cities are taking action to reduce emissions and protect their communities, economies, infrastructures, and environments from the significant risks of a warming climate.

By executive order, I've set the first statewide goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Pennsylvania. The commonwealth will work to achieve a 26 percent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2025 and an 80 percent reduction by 2050, compared with 2005 levels.

I've also established the Green Government Council to ensure that state government offices lead by example to help achieve these goals. Agencies will work together to increase green and sustainable practices, while saving taxpayers money and creating jobs in Pennsylvania's clean energy economy.

Developed by a team of state agencies and partners, *Pennsylvania Climate Action Plan 2018* is an outstanding example of such leadership. One hundred actions are recommended that all Pennsylvanians can take, together and individually, in the highest levels of state office, in our communities, on the shop floor, and at home. We must be proactive to protect quality of life and livelihoods today and for coming generations of Pennsylvanians.



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Local Government Outreach

- Co-presented with Ferguson Township at PA Municipal League Spring Sustainability Conference on June 11th
- Gathered feedback from attendees on format of our potential local climate action assistance program:
 - College student matched with municipality
 - Student trained on inventory tool
 - Student completes GHG inventory and/or climate action plan on behalf of municipality
 - Up to 20 municipalities

Related Local Government Outreach

- The Role of Energy Efficiency in Community Resilience
- Performance Excellence in Electricity Renewal Assessments
- Energy Assurance Training for Local Governments
- Energy Codes Training
- Building Operator Certification Trainings
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators Energy Outreach



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