

# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

## CLIMATE AND ENERGY INITIATIVES

### Governor Kaine's Energy Plan

On September 12, 2007 Virginia Governor Tim Kaine released the Virginia Energy Plan to promote the Commonwealth's energy independence and educate consumers on energy conservation and efficiency. The Plan aims to reduce the rate of growth in energy use by 40 percent, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent, and increase in-state energy production by 20 percent.

For more information about the Plan, please visit  
[http://www.governor.virginia.gov/TempContent/2007\\_VA\\_Energy\\_Plan-Full\\_Document.pdf](http://www.governor.virginia.gov/TempContent/2007_VA_Energy_Plan-Full_Document.pdf)

### Executive Order no. 48

On April 5, 2007 Governor Kaine signed Executive Order 48, which directs the Governor's Secretaries and all executive branch agencies and institutions to reduce their energy consumption and resulting costs. The goal is to reduce the annual cost of non-renewable energy purchases made by executive branch agencies and institutions by at least 20 percent by 2010. The strategy mandates various energy conservation measures, renovations of existing buildings to meet with LEED ratings, the purchase of Energy Star rated appliances and equipment, and the use of renewable and alternative energy sources.

For more information about the Order, please visit  
[http://www.governor.virginia.gov/Initiatives/ExecutiveOrders/2007/EO\\_48.cfm](http://www.governor.virginia.gov/Initiatives/ExecutiveOrders/2007/EO_48.cfm)

### The Climate Registry

On May 22, 2007 Virginia joined the Climate Registry, thereby committing the Commonwealth to develop a common accounting system to track greenhouse gas emissions. The Climate Registry, a non-profit cooperative currently comprised of more than 30 states and several tribes, is the nation's only state-sponsored initiative to standardize methodologies to record and measure greenhouse gas emissions such as carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide. It does not endorse any particular greenhouse gas reduction policy but provides a widely accepted set of emissions data that state and tribal policymakers can draw upon in developing their own emissions-reduction strategies.

For more information about the Registry, please visit  
[www.theclimateregistry.org](http://www.theclimateregistry.org).

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