

PUBLIC INPUT STATEMENT

In completing this public input statement, an agency shall describe what it did or will do to maximize the involvement of the public in the development of the rule. Where this form is insufficient for your purposes, please use additional sheets.

Please complete the following:

1. Title or subject of rule:
Vermont CO2 Budget Trading Program Regulations
- 2: Agency:
Agency of Natural Resources
3. Please list the steps that have been or will be taken to maximize public involvement in the development of the proposed rule:
Vermont's proposed rule is based on the RGGI model rule, which was subject to a 60-day public comment period beginning on March 23, 2006 and two public meetings. Comments were received from over 100 organizations including environmental and energy advocates, electricity generators and distributors, consumer representatives, offset stakeholders, government stakeholders, etc. Substantial revisions to the draft model rule were made in response to public comments. Public input was also achieved through the RGGI website and numerous other stakeholder meetings. In addition, the Agency released a pre-proposal draft of Vermont's proposed rule on January 9, 2007 and accepted comments through April 16, 2007. The Agency received and considered comments from seven organizations. The Agency has also met with the two Vermont facilities with units subject to the proposed rule. Finally, the Agency will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule and will post the proposed rule on the Air Division's website.

Beyond general advertisements, please list the people and organizations that have been or will be involved in the development of the proposed rule.

The Agency anticipates that the following people and organizations have been or will be involved in the rulemaking process: environmental and energy advocates, electricity generators, distribution companies, ISO, non-electric generator business interests, consumer representatives, offset stakeholders, government stakeholders, other stakeholders and individuals interested in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Please refer to Attachment A for a list of people and organizations that have submitted comments on the RGGI model rule and Vermont's pre-proposal draft rule.