



**Governor's Commission on Climate Change  
Work Plan  
Revised / Adopted on  
February 1, 2008**

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**Meeting 1 (Richmond)**

February 1, 2008

- Receive charge from Governor Kaine
- Swearing in of members
- FOIA briefing
- Executive Order 59
- Virginia Energy Plan & Executive Order 48
  - Greenhouse gas reduction goal
  - Emphasis on energy efficiency, conservation, renewable energy, carbon capture and storage
  - Energy Policy Advisory Council
- Discuss and adopt Work Plan
- Virginia Greenhouse Gas Inventory; participation in The Climate Registry; proposed legislation: Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting
- Commission Roundtable
- Public Comment

**Meeting 2 (University of Virginia, Miller Center)**

March 27

- Intergovernmental Panel Climate Change: Findings, Process
  - How are greenhouse gases defined?
  - How would a 30% reduction in emissions affect projected impacts?
- Miller Center Climate Change Initiative
- Summary of local, state and regional approaches to addressing climate change
- Federal approaches to addressing climate change
- Major sources of GHG emissions
  - Refining information regarding 2000 emissions, forecasting emissions for 2025 (based on population growth and projected energy usage)
  - Factors that drive emission from stationary sources (utilities, manufacturing, landfills, agriculture); best practices for reducing emissions
  - Factors that drive emissions from transportation; best practices for reducing emissions

- Carbon sinks
- Commission Roundtable
- Public comment

### **Meeting 3 (College of William and Mary)**

April 22

- Voluntary actions undertaken by industry
  - Incentives that have led to voluntary actions
- Industry experience with actions taken by other states and regions to address climate change
- Expected impacts of climate change on Virginia
  - Sea-level rise
  - Ocean acidification
  - Agriculture
  - Natural systems: forests, wetlands, wildlife
  - Chesapeake Bay fisheries (both economic and ecological effects)
  - Public health
- Commission Roundtable
- Public Comment

### **Meeting 4 (George Mason University)**

May 13

- Expected economic impacts of climate change on Virginia
  - Sea-level rise, severe weather and the built environment (including utilities, transportation and other infrastructure)
  - Ports
  - Military installations
  - Insurance industry
  - Tourism
- Economic opportunities
  - Green investing
  - Emerging technologies
    - Proven technologies (e.g. wind power)
    - Cutting-edge technologies (e.g. algal biofuel)
  - Case studies: emerging trends in the marketplace
- Lessons learned from actions taken by other nations
- Update on congressional action
- Commission Roundtable
- Public Comment

### **Meeting 5 (Virginia Tech)**

June 17

- Actions to address climate change being undertaken by Virginia localities
- Connection between climate change and development patterns
- The effect of compact development on GHG emissions
  - Building practices, energy use management, and codes
  - Transportation choices
- Adaptation: addressing impacts that are likely to occur despite changes in policy
  - Food supply
  - Vulnerable wildlife
  - Land use
  - Infrastructure
  - Emergency preparedness
- Refresher on state, regional approaches
- Stakeholder recommendations (to include discussion of benefits and costs)
- Commission Roundtable
  - Preliminary identification of potential strategies for cost-benefit analysis purposes
- Public Comment

### **Meeting 6 (Richmond)**

August – TBA

- Cost-benefit analyses of potential strategies identified in meeting 5
  - Expected contribution to 30% reduction goal
  - Costs to industries and consumers
- Discussion of recommendations
- Public hearing

### **Meeting 7 (Richmond)**

September – TBA

- Continue to discuss recommendations

### **Meeting 8 (Richmond)**

November – TBA

- Finalize recommendations
- Review draft report