

## Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)

### Targeted Expert Briefings Subgroup

#### Preliminary List of Topics

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##### Establishing a Cap

- Will we have one cap or multiple caps?
- Who sets the cap?
- What sources are to be included under the cap?
- What emissions from those sources are to be counted?
- How will new/future sources and zero-emitter electricity generators be handled under cap?
- How will baselines for sources under the cap be established?
- How should emission reduction strategies such as sequestration and internal offsets (i.e. reductions in emissions at the source that are not subject to cap) be handled?

##### Distributing Allowances

- Auction allowances and/or distribute based on past emissions?
- If auction, then who holds it and where will the money go?
- Should the allowances be input or output based or both?
- How will allocations be distributed in terms of vintage or vintages?
- Should the program provide for allowance set asides?

##### Flexibility Mechanisms

- Should banking of allowances be allowed?
- Should borrowing be allowed?
- If permitted, how should inter-temporal trading be handled (i.e., trading across vintages)?

##### Reduction Targets

- How should reductions be achieved?
- What modeling analyses will be required to support a decision on reduction targets?

### Tracking and Trading

- How should the tracking and trading system be designed and operated and by whom?

### Offsets

- What credits should be given for out-of-sector reductions in emissions (and reductions occurring in-sector with respect to emissions not covered by the cap?)

### Consistency with Global Programs

- How may the RGGI program be designed so as to maximize consistency with (and therefore potential interaction with) global trading programs.

### Interrelationship Between Cap & Trade and Registry

- How will the RGGI program and the Northeast Registry project facilitated by NESCAUM interact?

### Wholesale Electricity Markets

- How will a cap & trade program affect wholesale electricity markets in the region?

N.B., The RGGI Staff Working Group will be considering additional topics as progress is made toward the design of a program.