Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

Triple Benefits of RGGI's Design: Environmental, Energy Efficiency and Cutting the Cost of Energy

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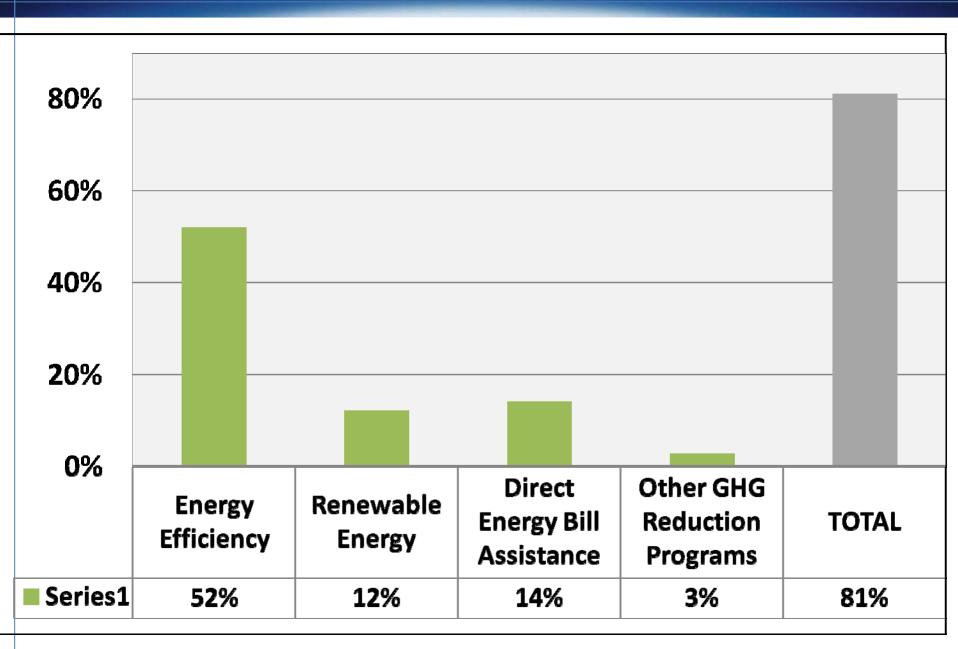
RGGI In Brief

PROGRAM OVERVIEW		
Participation:	10 states: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, VT, RI	
Sector:	Electric generation facilities (25 MW or higher); Currently 209 Facilities across 10 states	
<u>Cap</u> :	 2009-2014: Stable at 188M tons of CO₂ per year 2015-2018: 2.5% decrease per year By 2019: 10% total reduction 	
<u>Compliance</u> :	Facilities must possess one allowance / each ton of CO ₂ emitted within a three-year compliance period	
Allocation:	Close to 100% auction; More than 80% of proceeds invested in consumer benefit programs	

Harnessing Allowance Value for Reinvestment

State	Total Auction 10 Proceeds	Cumulative Proceeds (Auctions 1-10)
Connecticut	\$2,371,840.38	\$44,900,580.31
Delaware	\$1,226,165.94	\$18,858,578.06
Maine	\$1,331,726.52	\$23,544,204.45
Maryland	\$8,413,300.80	\$147,530,362.71
Massachusetts	\$7,348,021.14	\$123,229,477.57
New Hampshire	\$1,674,438.96	\$28,215,274.35
New Jersey	\$7,857,073.38	\$90,913,275.27
New York	\$16,914,071.82	\$282,272,683.09
Rhode Island	\$735,475.62	\$12,340,208.64
Vermont	\$352,105.44	\$5,701,535.27
Total	\$48,224,220.00	\$777,506,179.72

\$777.5M – Most of it Devoted to Energy Efficiency



Triple Benefits: Environmental, Consumer, Economic

Cleaner Environment

GHG Cap reduction of 10% by 2019 Efficiency provides more GHGs + air toxins reductions

Energy Savings for Consumers and Business

Efficiency investments reduce consumers costs

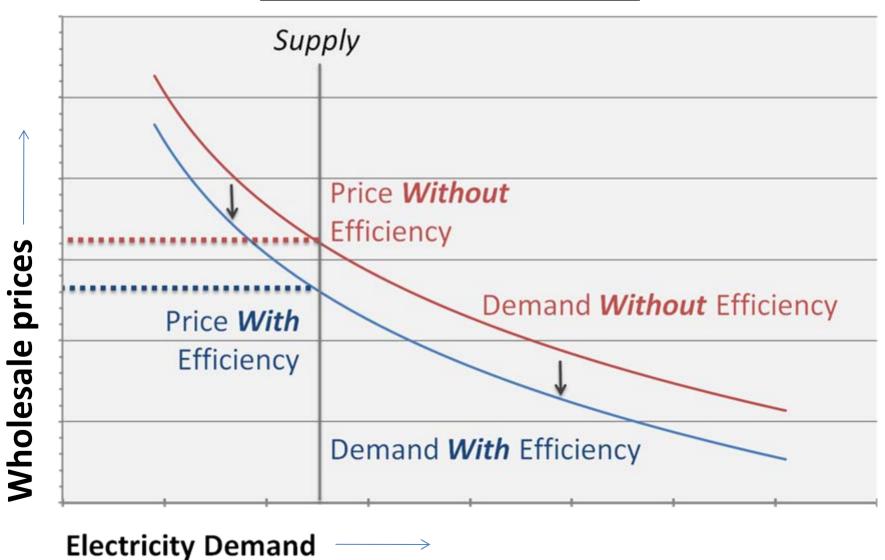
✓\$500 in annual savings per household retrofitted ¹

Economic Growth

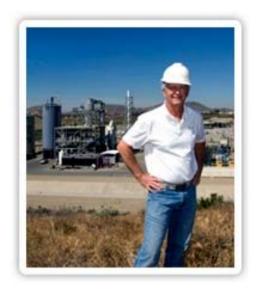
- √\$2-\$4 in benefits for every \$1 invested in energy efficiency ²
- ✓ Industry and businesses more competitive
- ✓ <u>52 construction jobs and another 10-20 manufacturing jobs for</u> every \$1 million invested in weatherization. ³

System-Wide Benefits

Reduced Demand = Lower Wholesale Electricity Prices and Lower RGGI Allowance Prices



Maine: Helping Industry Control Energy Costs



- In 2009 and 2010 the Large Project Grant Program has invested \$7.1 Million in 19 RGGI-funded grants for large-scale efficiency projects
- The projects will save 533,876 MWh, and prevent 459,817 metric tons of CO₂

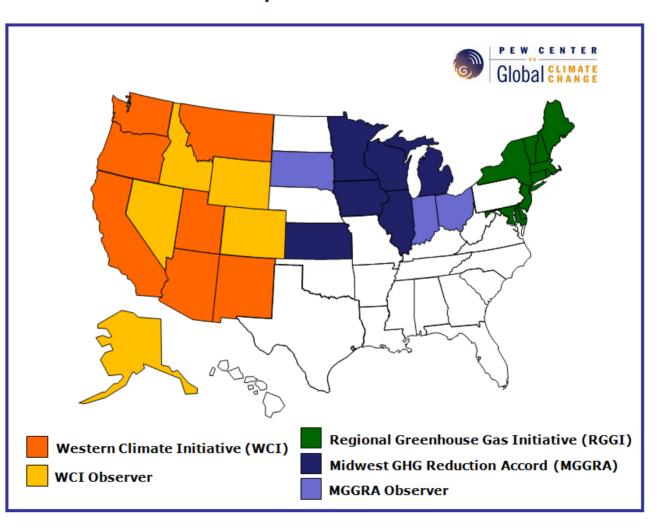
Madison Paper Industries (MPI), will save more than \$2 million each year - enough to support the retention of 18 jobs.

"These savings will help secure the future of an established paper mill facing difficult economic pressures."

- Joe Clark, MPI Reliability Engineer

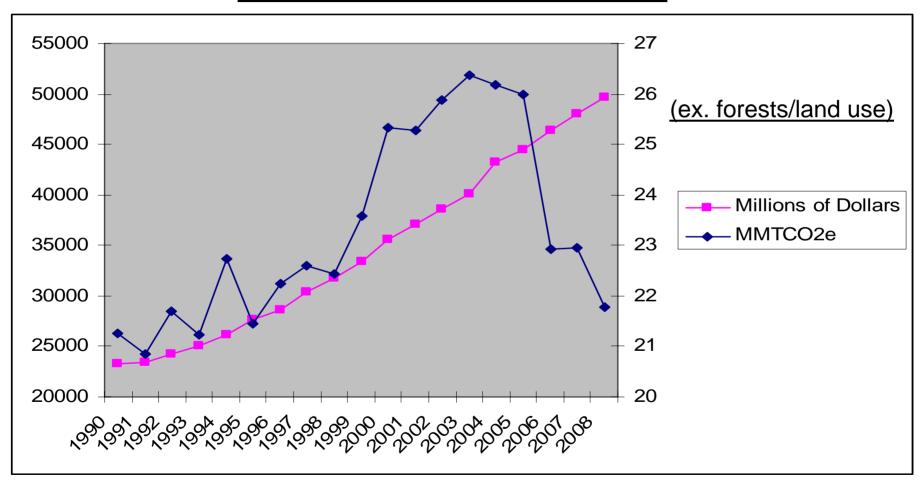
States and EPA are doing the hard work

Energy efficiency has an important role to play in all market-based systems to reduce GHGs



Maine GHG Emissions and State GDP

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Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. Regional Economic Accounts, Gross Domestic Product by State

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