Climate Protection Program: Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting 3

March 18, 2021 9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.



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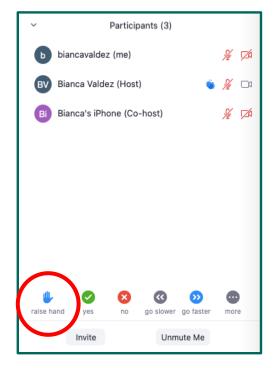
Thank you for joining us today!

- Please join audio by either phone or computer, not both.
- RAC members: stay on mute when not speaking, and please join us on video if able
- Public: please stay on mute and please join us on video only when you're speaking
- For discussion and comments, use "Raise Hand" button to get in the queue; if joined by phone press *9
- Say your name and affiliation before speaking
- Move around and take care of yourself as needed!
- For Zoom technical issues, send chat message to host



How to Raise Hand

Look for the Raise Hand in the Participants Tab



Public Participation Protocols

- Public participation is welcome thank you!
- Two public comment periods
 - 1:15 1:45 p.m.
 - 3:15 3:45 p.m.
- Time for public comment, though primary purpose is RAC discussion
- When making comments, please respect time limits and ground rules
- Welcome to provide written comments
 - GHGCR2021@deq.state.or.us
 - Requested by March 26



Committee Discussion Guidelines

- Honor the agenda and strive to stay on topic
- Provide a balance of speaking time
- Listen to understand and ask questions to clarify
- Stay engaged and be open about your perspective and experience
- Address issues and questions focus on substance of comments
- Bring concerns and ideas up for discussion at the earliest point in the process



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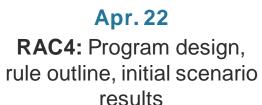
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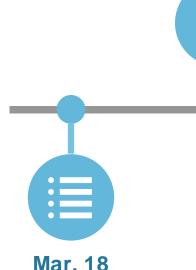
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RAC Work Plan Updates



RAC6: Draft rules, fourth scenario, modeling results

Jun. 17





RAC3: Program design, initial scenario results

RAC5: Draft rules, fourth scenario modeling results

May 25

Jul. 8 (NEW)

RAC 7: Review of fiscal impacts analysis

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How CPP Could Work

In a fictional example: DEQ has 40 compliance instruments to distribute to four regulated entities.

Each receives 10 compliance instruments. Because they all emitted 12 metric tons last year, each will need to reduce their emissions.



Entity AStationary source



Entity BTransportation fuel supplier



Entity CTransportation fuel supplier



Entity DNatural gas utility

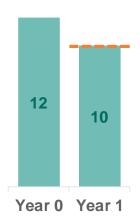


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Entity A Stationary source

Reduces emissions by making changes to industrial processes

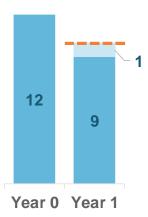




Entity B

Transportation fuel supplier

Reduces emissions earlier by increasing mix of biofuels, sells extra to Entity D

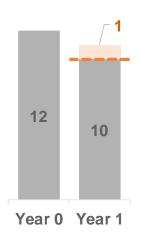




Entity C

Transportation fuel supplier

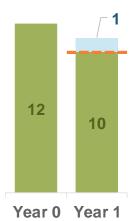
Cannot make enough immediate reductions, but could invest in community climate projects





Entity D Natural gas utility

Cannot make enough immediate reductions, buys from Entity B





Community Climate Investments

- Could support investments in environmental justice and impacted communities
 - Disproportionate pollution and health impacts
 - Expected to disproportionately bear climate change costs
- Could help contain costs for everyday users and consumers

EJ and impacted communities face more risks than others:



- ↑ Greater pollution exposure
- Greater impacts of climate change
- Less representation in public processes
- Less access to new, clean technologies



Community Climate Investments

- Could invest in projects that reduce emissions to earn credits
- 1 credit could be used to comply with 1 MT CO2e of emissions

Transportation Fuel Supplier Pays money into fund Community Climate Investment Entity Year 0 Year 1 Transfers 1 credit

How Investment Could Work

- Could certify one or more third parties as recipients of funds
 - Would need to establish eligibility criteria
- Regulated entities could fund the third party to receive credits
- Third parties would invest in projects to reduce or remove greenhouse gas emissions
- Could regularly report to DEQ on investments, emissions and pollution reductions, communities receiving investments, and other metrics

How Investments Could Work

- Could require all projects be in Oregon
- Could require all projects reduce GHG emissions
- Could prioritize communities disproportionately impacted by poor air quality
 - Reduce disproportionate costs for these communities
 - Reduce co-pollutants like diesel particulate matter, improving public health
 - Support infrastructure necessary for an equitable energy transition



How Investments Could Work

- DEQ could establish a price for each credit
 - Supports variety of projects in different communities equally
- DEQ could limit the amount of credits used for compliance
- Potential project options
 - Expanding public transit operations & availability
 - Installing electric heat pumps and water heaters
 - Energy efficiency
 - Electrifying school and transit buses
 - Converting local delivery fleets to non-fossil fuels



Environmental Justice and Impacted Communities

- EJ and impacted communities could play a role to:
 - Ensure a certain percentage of projects are in environmental justice and impacted communities
 - Ensure projects support environmental justice and impacted community goals
 - Recognize diversity of needs and goals among different communities
 - Include environmental justice and impacted communities in the process
 - Advisory committee could inform third party selection, projection selection, and project implementation tracking
 - Design methods so representatives from multiple communities could participate (i.e. regional design, active outreach)

Questions and Feedback

Discussion questions:

- 1. What are your thoughts about integrating potential community climate investments in the CPP? Should there be a limit on how much regulated entities are allowed to use community climate investments?
- 2. What types of projects should be funded by community climate investments? How could DEQ ensure and prioritize investments in environmental justice and other impacted communities?
- 3. How could DEQ incorporate community input throughout this process?

Breakout Rooms

- Members of the public will remain in the main room while RAC members are in breakout group sessions
- RAC members: when returning to the main room, press "Leave Breakout Room", NOT "Leave Meeting"





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Considerations for Fuel Suppliers

- Largest source of emissions for the Climate Protection Program
- Some key considerations include:
 - Annual variability and dynamic existing market
 - Thresholds for inclusion
 - Leakage risk
- Proper attention is needed to ensure compliance and program success

Variability and Thresholds

- Annual variation in:
 - Businesses supplying fuels
 - Fuel types/volumes delivered
 - Company ownership
- Balancing threshold for program inclusion with:
 - Potential leakage risk
 - Businesses most suited to be included

Fuel Supplier Emissions

2019: 24.1 Million MT CO₂e 84 suppliers

Threshold MT CO ₂ e	Share of Fuel Sector Emissions	Count of Suppliers
5,000	99.8%	58
25,000	99%	38
300,000	86%	6

2014: 21.7 Million MT CO₂e

97 suppliers

Threshold MT CO₂e	Share of Fuel Sector Emissions	Count of Suppliers
5,000	99.7%	61
25,000	98%	38
300,000	88%	8

Notes: Emissions data from DEQ GHG Reporting Program.

- Examples for threshold comparisons do not account for totaling emissions between related entities under the ownership of a common parent company.
- For comparison, 25,000 MT CO2e is 2.8 million gallons of gasoline or 2.3 million gallons of diesel.

Leakage Risk

In-State Leakage

 Imported by unregulated entities with emissions below the threshold

Out-of-State Leakage

 Drivers near state borders could choose to fuel up at gas stations just outside the state All non-natural gas fossil fuels supplied in Oregon are imported



Petroleum Mapping Key:

RefineriesProduct Terminals or Ports

Pipeline

Waterway

Notes: Informed by EIA's U.S. Energy Mapping System. Simplified for presentation.

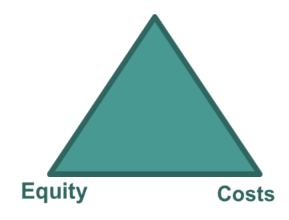


Connections to Program Goals

Emissions, Equity, Costs

- Reducing emissions from fuels like diesel also lowers co-pollutants improving public health
- Lower thresholds have relatively little impact on total emissions covered or where emission reductions occur
- Leakage risk could undermine emission reductions
- Lower thresholds could have disproportionate costs impacts for smaller businesses

Emissions





Questions and Feedback

- General questions and comments
- Discussion Questions
 - Do you have suggestions on ways to overcome the dynamic market challenges of this sector? Specifically, as it relates to the following topics:
 - Determining which entities to regulate based on a set threshold?
 - Determining the methodology for DEQ distribution of compliance instruments?
 - What are your thoughts on what the threshold for inclusion should be?
 - What other concerns might the **annual variation** present for regulated businesses? For consumers?

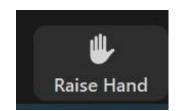


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Modeling Program Options

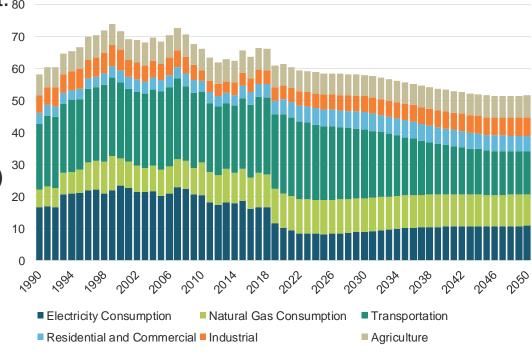
- Reference Case for a baseline on the effects of current regulations
- Three initial modeling policy scenarios with varying program designs to compare to the reference case
 - Greenhouse gas emissions results at this RAC3
 - Economic, public health, and equity results for RAC4
- Do not represent final or complete program design proposals
 - Not able to represent all program details in modeling
- Focus is on difference and directionality, not absolute numbers



Reference Case: Updated Results

- Incorporated and aligned fuel use data from the OR GHG RP, EPA GHGRP, U.S. Dept. 80 of Energy, and utility Integrated Resource Plans 60
- Updated transportation fuel projections to incorporate recent changes in line with Clean Fuels Program (CFP) electric vehicle modeling assumptions
- Updated power sector modeling to reflect CFP updates







Policy Scenario Common Assumptions

Assumptions the same in each scenario

Key Topic	3 Initial Policy Scenarios	
Cap Application	One cap applied across all sectors (regulated sectors and therefore scopes of regulated emissions vary by scenario)	
Banking Allowed?	Yes; unlimited through time	
Alternative Compliance Options Allowed?	Yes, and annual supply is assumed to be available up to allowable percentage (allowable percentage varies by scenario)	
Expanded Complementary Policies	Clean Fuels Program assumed to expand from current 10% by 2025 target to 25% by 2035*	

^{*}DEQ intends to open a rulemaking in 2021 to develop expanded Clean Fuels Program targets



Policy Scenario Differing Assumptions

Key Topic	Policy Scenario 1	Policy Scenario 2	Policy Scenario 3
Cap and Trajectory	Straight line to 80% by 2050	45% by 2035 80% by 2050	50% by 2035 90% by 2050
Trading Allowed?	Yes	Yes, excluding stationary sources	Yes
Regulated Sectors	 Natural gas utilities Non-natural gas fossil fuel suppliers Large stationary sources with process emissions ≥ 25,000 	 Natural gas utilities Non-natural gas fossil fuel suppliers Large stationary sources with process emissions plus natural gas emissions ≥ 25,000 	 Natural gas utilities Non-natural gas fuel suppliers with emissions ≥ 300,000 Large stationary sources with process emissions ≥ 25,000
Sector Exclusions	 All natural gas supplied by interstate pipeline companies Fuels used for aviation Landfills; Electric Generators; stationary source process emissions below threshold 	 Natural gas supplied by interstate pipeline companies that is not regulated at stationary sources Fuels used for aviation Landfills; Electric Generators; stationary source process emissions below threshold 	 All natural gas supplied by interstate pipeline companies Fuels used for aviation; emissions from fuel suppliers below threshold Landfills; Electric Generators; stationary source process emissions below threshold

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Natural Gas Point of Regulation	All natural gas regulated at utility, not at stationary source. Stationary sources are only regulated directly for process emissions above threshold.	Regulated at stationary sources if emissions are above threshold. Natural gas used at smaller stationary sources is regulated at utility supplier. Emissions from other uses such as at homes and commercial buildings is regulated at utility supplier.	All natural gas regulated at utility, not at stationary source. Stationary sources are only regulated directly for process emissions above threshold.
Allowable Use of Alternative Compliance	Up to 25% of compliance obligation per year	Up to 5% of compliance obligation per year	Up to 25% of compliance obligation per year



Additional Policy Scenarios Assumptions

- Technical potential emissions reductions and costs per ton rely on a variety of resources
- Modeled major drivers for reductions, including:
 - Energy efficiency
 - Fuel switching/electrification
 - Destruction, removal, or recovery of industrial process emissions
 - Renewable natural gas
- Caps begin in 2022
- CCI price of \$200 per metric ton (2020 dollars)

Key Resources

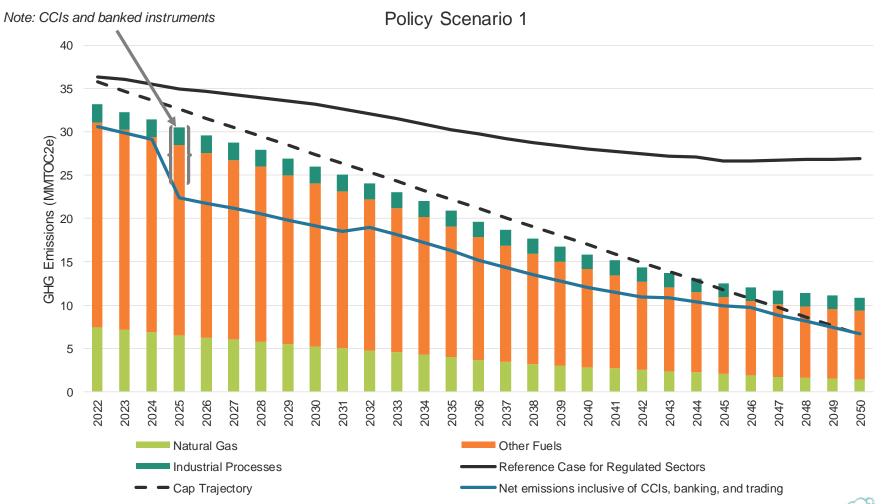
- Natural gas utility IRPs
- Energy Trust of Oregon
- NREL Electrification Futures Study
- Oregon-specific data (population, number of homes, commercial square footage, OR GHG RP data)
- Cal ETC Comparison of Medium- and Heavy-duty Technologies in California
- U.S. EPA Global Non-CO₂ Greenhouse Gas Emission Projections & Mitigation Potential: 2015-2050
- U.S. DOE State Energy Database and Annual Energy Outlook
- McKinsey & Company abatement cost curve analyses for industrial processes (e.g., cement and iron and steel production)



Understanding Results in Context

- Modeling assumes that the regulated entities have sufficient knowledge to make optimal decisions in the future
 - E.g., Banking versus trading
- There is inherent uncertainty in future technologies and costs that could influence actual program outcomes
- Key takeaways relate to relative differences and directionality

Policy Scenario 1 Results



Policy Scenario 1 Results

Assumptions

- Trajectory: 80% reduction by 2050
- CCIs allowable up to 25% per year

Compliance

- Cap is met in all years
- CCIs and banking make it possible to achieve the cap, particularly in later years
- Trading does not appear to have a significant impact

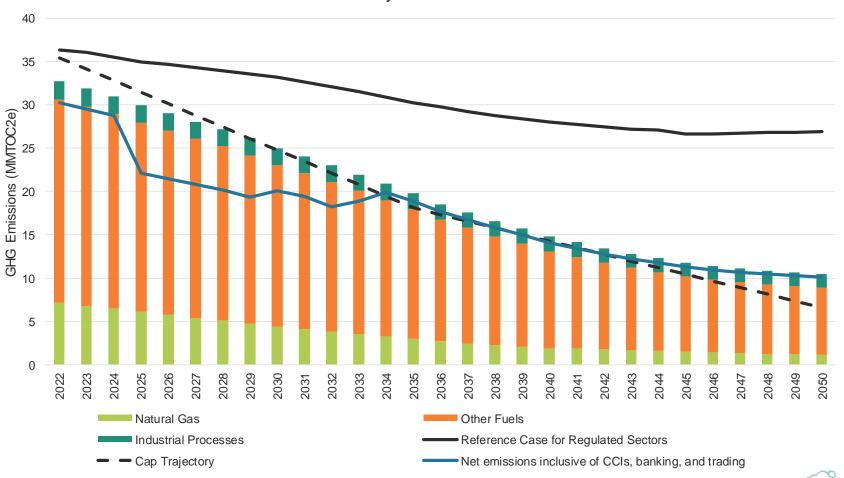
Emissions

- Largest emissions reductions come from fuels, driven by expanded CFP, energy efficiency, and electrification
- Natural gas emissions reductions driven by energy efficiency, electrification and RNG
- Though a smaller source of regulated emissions, reductions in industrial process emissions requires achieving technical potential



Policy Scenario 2 Results





Policy Scenario 2 Results

Assumptions

- Trajectory: 45% reduction by 2035 and 80% reduction by 2050
- CCIs allowable up to 5% per year
- Greatest quantity of regulated emissions due to threshold for industrial facilities of combined process and natural gas

Compliance

- Cap is met mostly in 2022-2041; net emissions above cap 2034-2037 and 2042-2050
- Maximum allowable CCIs used in most years
- Less availability of banked compliance instruments (compared to Scenario 1)
- Net emissions above caps driven by combination of interim cap target, limit on use of CCIs, and largest quantity of regulated emissions

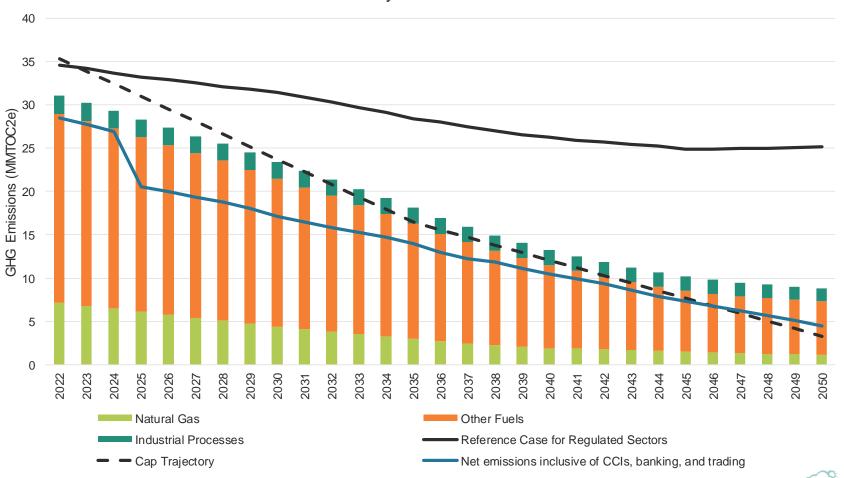
Emissions

- More extensive residential and commercial electrification driving reductions
- Increased reductions from energy efficiency for non-natural gas fuels
- Approaching maximum technical potential for RNG as replacement for natural gas



Policy Scenario 3 Results





Policy Scenario 3 Results

Assumptions

- Trajectory: 50% reduction by 2035 and 90% reduction by 2050
- CCIs allowable up to 25% per year
- Least quantity of regulated emissions due to threshold for non-natural gas fuel suppliers

Compliance

- Cap is met 2022-2046, net emissions above cap 2047-2050
- Maximum allowable CCIs used in most years
- Net emissions above cap in later period driven by combination of interim target, lower caps, and reduced banking
- Available CCIs supports achievement of cap into later years and closer to 2050

Emissions

 Similar reductions (compared to Scenario 2) from electrification, RNG, energy efficiency, and industrial processes



Key Considerations (1/2)

- Reductions in other fuels are driven by the transportation sector, energy efficiency, and some electrification
 - Expanded CFP is achieved
 - Significant electrification and use of bio and renewable diesel for medium and heavy-duty trucks
- Reductions in natural gas emissions are driven by energy efficiency, electrification, and renewable natural gas (RNG)
 - RNG use goes beyond SB 98 assumptions
 - Impacted the overall reductions across sectors in all scenarios
 - Increased electrification does increase emissions in electricity, though state-wide emissions reductions still achieved due to the program
- All emissions reductions are critical, including industrial process emissions



Key Considerations (2/2)

- Banking used in all scenarios to meet caps
- CCIs played an important role in meeting steeper caps
 - Limits on CCIs made achieving some targets difficult
 - Scenario 2
 - In some instances, CCIs are more cost effective than reducing emissions within a regulated sector over a range of CCI prices
 - i.e. \$50 per metric ton to \$200 per metric ton
- Trading and point of regulation did not play significant roles



Proposed Next Steps for Study

- April 22nd RAC
 - Review initial 3 policy scenario results:
 - Economic
 - Sector-specific job impacts, gross state product, etc.
 - Health
 - Health impacts due to changes in co-pollutants
 - Incidence and avoided costs metrics like avoided hospital visits, reduction in mortality risk, etc.
 - Co-benefits and equity
 - Assessment of potential co-benefits and how those benefits or consequences are distributed impacts
 - Development of 4th policy scenario
- Final results planned for May and June RAC meetings



Questions and Discussion

ICF available today to answer questions

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Next Steps: Written Comments

- DEQ accepting written comment on today's discussion items
- Discussion questions also available on rulemaking website
- Please submit comments by end of day Mar. 26, 2021 to GHGCR2021@deq.state.or.us
- Next rulemaking advisory committee meeting (#4)
 - Apr. 22, 2021, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PT

RAC Meeting Resources

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