

### U.S. State and Regional Action on Climate Change

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- Motivation for state action
- •The landscape of state policies that address climate change
- •Highlights from states taking the lead
- State policy diffusion



- •Concern about climate impacts
- •Economic development
- Energy price volatility
- Energy independence
- •Air quality concerns
- •Traffic congestion



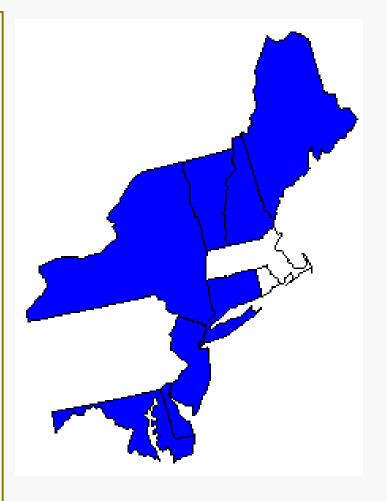
- Direct and Indirect GHG Emission Reductions
- •Governors and legislators are acting
- •Almost Every State is Doing Something:
  - Regional Initiatives
  - Climate Action Plans and GHG reporting
  - Electricity (renewable energy mandates, carbon adders, public benefit funds, green pricing, REC tracking)
  - Transportation (CA GHG vehicle standards, smart growth, transportation management, cleaner fuels and vehicles)
  - Ag and Forestry (sequestration, renewable energy, biofuels, ethanol)
  - Other (e.g., energy efficiency, waste management)

#### RGGI



## Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

 Regional cap-and-trade program initially covering power plant CO<sub>2</sub> emissions •Initiated 2003 by NY Gov. Pataki, agreement announced Dec. 2005 •First mandatory U.S. GHG capand-trade program Stabilize emissions at current levels 2009 until 2015, 10% reduction by 2019





- •Potential model for national policy
- •First U.S. mandatory cap-and-trade system for GHG emissions
- •Possible linkage to EU-ETS, CDM
- Novel standards approach to offsets
- •Real data to inform policy



 Governor Schwarzenegger set California's targets at: 2000 levels by 2010 1990 levels by 2020 80% below current emissions by 2050 Governor's Climate Action Team Nunez/Pavley Legislation Renewable Portfolio Standard Vehicle GHG standards •Energy Commission Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR); CPUC carbon adder •Every agency is doing something

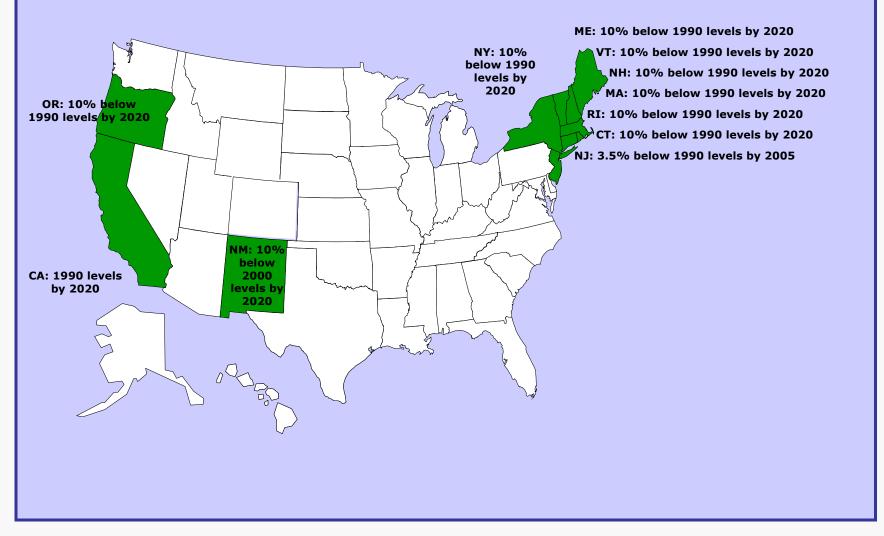


#### Alaska

- Legislative Commission on Climate Change
- Arizona
  - Governor's executive order established advisory group to develop plan, targets
- •New Mexico
  - 2000 levels by 2012, 10% below 2000 by 2020
  - Governor's Advisory group
- North Carolina
  - Legislative Commission on Climate Change
- Montana
  - Governor creating climate change advisory council



#### **State GHG Emission Targets**

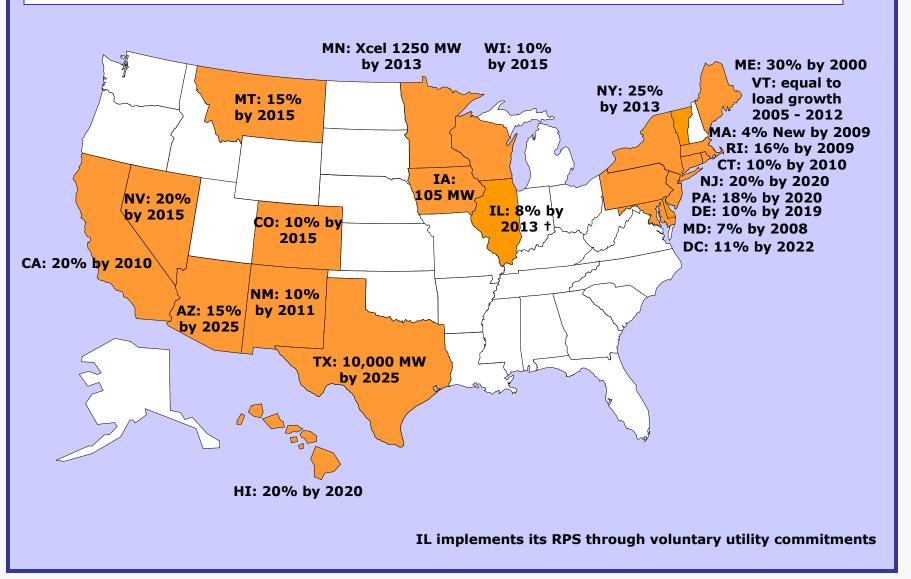




# **Regional Initiatives** West Coast Governors' Initiative **Powering the Plains NEG\_ECP** WGA Southwest Climate Change RGGI Initiative

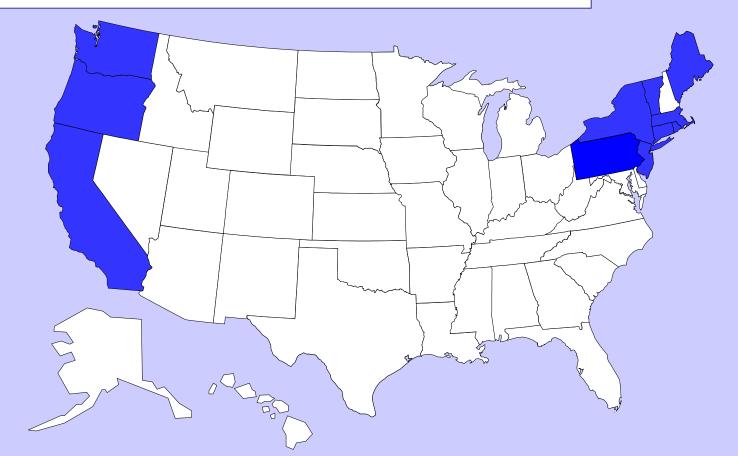


#### **Renewable Portfolio Standards**





#### **Vehicle GHG Standards**





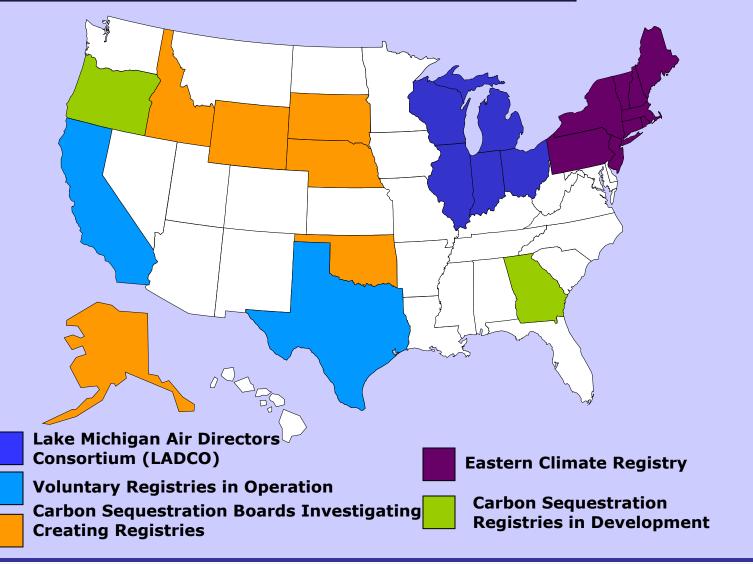
**States Poised to Follow California's GHG Emissions Standards for Vehicles** 





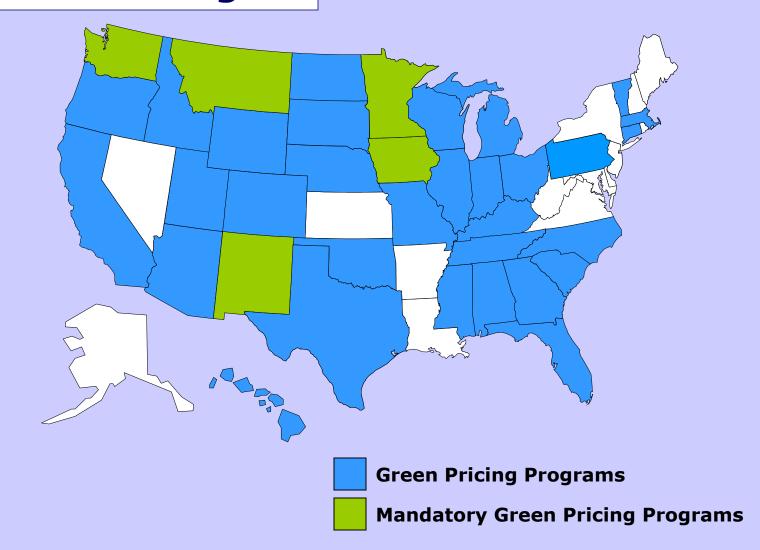


#### **GHG Reporting & Registries**



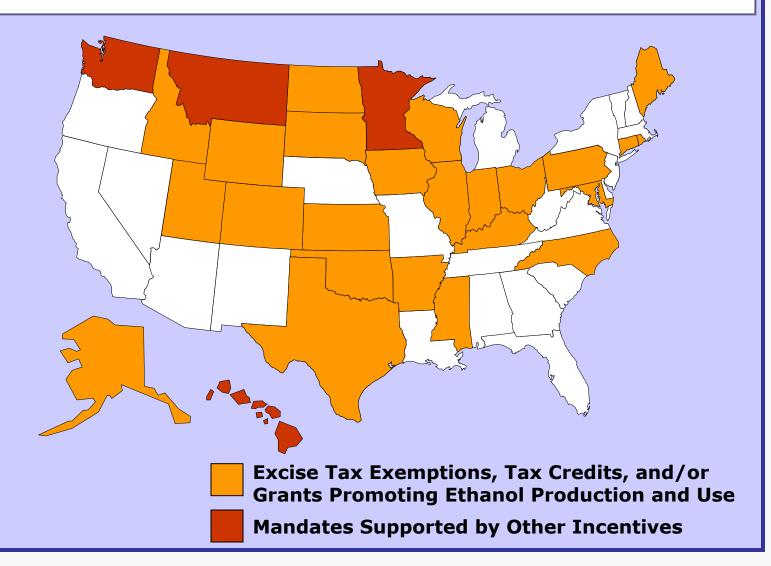


#### **Green Pricing**





#### Mandates and Incentives Promoting Ethanol





# **Public Benefit Funds** - S Funds that Support Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy **Funds that Support Energy Efficiency Funds in Development**



- •States are leading on climate
- •Achieving real emissions reductions
- •States provide lessons for federal action
- •Even with federal action, states will play a key role
- Trend toward regional action
- •Multiple drivers, multiple benefits