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CENTER FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Action Reserve Monthly Newsletter

July 2009

- Quote -

"We cannot be afraid of the future. And we must not be prisoners of the past. Don't believe the misinformation out there that suggests there is somehow a contradiction between investing in clean energy and economic growth."

President Barack Obama
Weekly radio address - June 27, 2009

Upcoming Events

[July 20: General Verification
Training on the General Reporting
and General Verification Protocols
\(Los Angeles\)](#)

[August 19-20: Mexico Landfill and
Livestock Project Verification
Training \(Mexico City, Mexico\)](#)

Upcoming Webinars

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[August 12: Prepare for Project Verification \(webinar\)](#)

Climate Action Reserve Update

Account holders: 112
Total projects: 75

Welcome New Climate Action Reserve Account Holders

Climate Action Reserve account holders represent a variety of industry sectors, including environment, finance and business. Our newest members joining in June include:

[Dalton-Whitfield Regional Solid Waste Management Authority](#)

[G2 Energy, LLC](#)

[Integrus Energy Services, Inc.](#)

[Nexant, Inc.](#)

[View full list of account holders](#)

Letter from the President

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The passage of the American Clean Energy and Security Act by the House of Representatives is an important milestone in climate policy in the United States, and we were honored to play a small part. It is urgent that we begin to address the serious challenge of climate change, and this bill puts us on the right path. I am very hopeful that the Senate acts this year and that the President can take a firm national commitment to the United Nations Conference in Copenhagen in December.

We strongly believe that any offsets program, whether voluntary or regulatory, must have real environmental integrity to be effective. To that end, we were privileged to be able to put on a workshop in the House Energy and Commerce Committee Hearing Room to provide information about the elements of offset quality and the role and function of offsets in a regulatory program. I look forward to continuing these efforts in the Senate.

As the world of climate change policy is rapidly evolving, we are responding by expanding and adapting our own program. We are very excited to have now adopted the first of our project offset protocols for use in Mexico! I am looking forward to issuing our first Climate Reserve Tonnes for Mexican livestock and landfill projects. I am also very excited to announce that we have added Margaret Bruce to our staff to build our Center for Climate Action. Margaret is a great addition to our team.

We have also added two new members to our Board of Directors who bring geographic diversity and deep experience in climate change: Steve Corneli of NRG Energy in New Jersey and Tim Profeta of the Nicholas Institute at Duke University in North Carolina. Both Steve and Tim bring extensive environmental expertise and respected perspectives to the Board, and we are thrilled to have them guiding our efforts!

Warmly,
Gary Gero
President

Steven Corneli and Tim Profeta Join the Reserve Board of Directors

Steven Corneli, Senior Vice President of Market and Climate Policy at NRG Energy, and Tim Profeta, Director of the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions and Senior Associate Dean at Duke University, have joined the prominent climate leaders on the Reserve's Board of Directors. The addition of Steven's energy experience and Tim's academic thought-leadership bring new perspectives to round out the environmental, finance and industry representation on the Reserve's Board. [Read more about Steve and Tim joining the Reserve Board.](#)

Congratulations New Climate Action Leaders



[2ndNature](#)

[Better World Group](#)

[Bowman Design Group](#)

[California Coastal
Conservancy](#)

[California Department of
Conservation](#)

[California Department of
Water Resources](#)

[City of Long Beach](#)

[City of Thousand Oaks](#)

[Climate Trust](#)

[Clipper Windpower](#)

[East Bay Municipal Utility
District](#)

[Element Markets](#)

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[Gladstein, Neandross &
Associates](#)

[Greenberg Glusker Fields
Claman & Machtinger](#)

[New Resource Bank](#)

[Northern California Power
Authority](#)

Climate Action Reserve Expands Into International Offset Projects

The Climate Action Reserve made its first expansion into international carbon offset projects with the adoption of the Mexico Landfill Project Protocol version 1.0 and the Mexico Livestock Project Protocol version 1.0. The protocols allow landfill and agriculture methane destruction projects in Mexican states to be registered with the Reserve, providing new means for bringing international offset credits into the U.S. market and building the number of credits available in the current voluntary market and potentially in regulated markets. The protocols also ensure these international offsets coming into U.S. markets pass the Big Five Test of being real, permanent, additional, verifiable and enforceable. [Read more about the Mexico Protocols.](#)

Public Comments for the Updated Landfill Project Reporting Protocol are Due July 10, 2009

The Climate Action Reserve has released its Landfill Project Reporting Protocol Version 2.1 for public comment. While minor clarifications have been made throughout the protocol, the technical updates primarily target three main areas, each of which is presented as an appendix to the protocol: (1) Update to the non-methane organic compound threshold; (2) Guidance on calculation NQdiscount; (3) New data substitution and missed calibration methodology. Please visit the [Reserve website](#) to view the updated protocol, read an overview of technical changes, and submit public comments.

Join us for the Kick-Off Special Topics Series Webinar: Buying CRTs to Offset Emissions

Topic: Buying CRTs to Offset Emissions
Thursday, July 16, 2009
10:00 am - 11:00 pm PDT
[Register Now](#)

Please join the Climate Action Reserve for the kick-off of its special topics webinar series. The featured topic is: Buying Climate Reserve Tonnes (CRTs) to Offset Emissions, and it will be presented by a guest speaker. The webinar will cover processes for CRT issuance, purchase, and sales. If you are interested in purchasing credits to offset your GHG emissions, this is a great webinar for you.

The special topics webinars are offered as a companion series to the Reserve's recurring introductory webinars and are scheduled to occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 10:00 am PDT. The monthly webinars will feature in-depth information about different topics, such as new and updated protocols, or special guest speakers.

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Presentation Materials Available From Reserve Workshops Held in SF, NY and DC

The Climate Action Reserve held well-attended workshops in San Francisco, New York, and Washington DC providing overviews on Reserve protocols, emerging legislation, quality carbon offset projects and an outlook on the North American carbon market. Presentation materials from each of the workshops are available on the [Resources section of the Reserve website](#).

Register Now for an Upcoming General Verification Training in Los Angeles

Monday, July 20, 2009
8:00 am - 5:00 pm PDT
Los Angeles, California
Cost \$625 | [Register Now](#)

The California Climate Action Registry and The Climate Registry are pleased to offer a joint general verification training on the General Reporting and Verification Protocols of both organizations. The training will provide attendees with a detailed overview of the protocols and set forth requirements of verification bodies. Registration for the training is \$625, which includes breakfast, lunch, training materials, and Certificate of Completion upon successful passage of the training exam. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Joy Cernac at 213-785-1230 or joy@climatereserve.org.

Verification Program Manual Released

The Climate Action Reserve has released the final version of the [Verification Program Manual](#). The Verification Program Manual provides verification bodies with a standardized approach for the independent and rigorous verification of GHG emissions reductions and removals, including the requirements for conducting verification and conflict of interest policies. The Verification Program Manual was created as a supplemental document to the [Program Manual](#), which summarizes the overarching rules, policies and procedures for registering projects and creating offset credits with the Reserve.

Margaret Bruce Brings Extensive Experience to Direct the Center for Climate Action

The Center for Climate Action, a new and independent program of the Reserve working to advance climate action in the western U.S. and Canada, announced Margaret Bruce has assumed the role of program Director. As Director, Margaret's responsibilities include the development of Center programs and events, including the annual carbon conference. Margaret brings over 20 years of environmental management, advocacy and policy experience to the Center and most recently served as Western Regional Director for The Climate Group. [Read more about Margaret and the Center for Climate Action](#).

In The News



Living on Earth, a Public Radio program, recently presented a story on forest offset credits from the Garcia River Forest. The program featured interviews with Gary Gero and John Nickerson of the Reserve and Chris Kelly of the Conservation Fund. The story highlighted the opportunities within forests to increase carbon absorption and combat climate change. The audio file and transcript are [available here](#).

Brain Vitamin, a Bay Area Public Radio program,

featured an interview with Joel Levin, the Reserve's Business Development, to discuss how quality offsets help companies meet emission reduction goals. [Click here](#) to listen to Joel describe how offsets work within the context of the cap-and-trade policy of the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES).

About the Climate Action Reserve

The Climate Action Reserve is a U.S. private nonprofit organization representing international interests in addressing climate change and bringing together participants from the government, environment and business sectors. It works to ensure environmental benefit, integrity and transparency in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions accounting and reduction and progressive movement in GHG emissions policy nationally and in the Western U.S. The Climate Action Reserve is parent to three programs, the California Climate Action Registry, Climate Action Reserve and Center for Climate Action. As the subsequent organization of the California Climate Action Registry, the Climate Action Reserve continues building on the California Registry's reputation as a respected and internationally recognized leader in climate change issues.

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