

*Update on New York State's Legal Efforts to Address Climate Change in 2009*

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Reference Documents

I. Executive Orders on Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction:  
Integration with operations of the Department of Environmental Conservation

*Executive Order 4*

Establishing a State Green Procurement and Agency Sustainability Program  
[http://www.state.ny.us/governor/executive\\_orders/xeorders/eo\\_4.html](http://www.state.ny.us/governor/executive_orders/xeorders/eo_4.html)

*Executive Order 24*

Establishing a Goal to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Eighty Percent by the Year 2050 and Preparing a Climate Action Plan  
[http://www.state.ny.us/governor/executive\\_orders/xeorders/eo\\_4.html](http://www.state.ny.us/governor/executive_orders/xeorders/eo_4.html)

II. Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

*(RGGI) Carbon Dioxide Budget Trading Program*

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/rggi.html>

*RGGI Program Basics*

<http://www.rggi.org>

*How the Carbon Dioxide Budget Trading Program Works*

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/39276.html>

III. State Environmental Quality Review Act – GHG Consideration

*Policy Adopted on Consideration of GHG in SEQRA Review*

Climate Change Guidance Documents

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/56552.html>

*GHG in DEC Lead Agency Environmental Reviews*

Town of Mamakating Planning Board, Town of Thompson Planning Board, and the NYS DEC

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/41008.html>

Belleayre Mountain Wildacres and Highmount Resorts Scoping Document Released

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/environmentdec/42588.html>

United Water New York Haverstraw Water Supply Project

<http://www.haverstrawwater.com/index.php/draft-environmental-impact-study-deis.html>

Hudson River Valley Resort

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/54656.html>

#### IV. Sea Level Rise Task Force

*Authorizing Legislation - Sea Level Rise Task Force*

Chapter 613, Laws of New York, 2007

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/45895.html>

*Framework for Implementation - Sea Level Rise Task Force*

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/48459.html>

*Home Rule Provisions of the NY State Constitution*

Article 9 - Local Governments

<http://www.dos.state.ny.us/info/constitution.htm>

*International Comparison*

Rotterdam Climate Initiative

Waterplan 2 Rotterdam

[http://rotterdam-climate-initiative.org/NL/English/Publications\\_&\\_downloads/?cid=488](http://rotterdam-climate-initiative.org/NL/English/Publications_&_downloads/?cid=488)

#### V. Other Initiatives:

*Climate Smart Communities*

Saving Energy and Helping the Climate

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/50845.html>

*Climate Smart Community Pledge*

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<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/53013.htm>