



**Governor's Commission on Climate Change
Work Plan
Revised / Adopted on
February 1, 2008**

Meeting 1 (Richmond)

February 1, 2008

- Receive charge from Governor Kaine
- Swearing in of members
- FOIA briefing
- Executive Order 59
- Virginia Energy Plan & Executive Order 48
 - Greenhouse gas reduction goal
 - Emphasis on energy efficiency, conservation, renewable energy, carbon capture and storage
 - Energy Policy Advisory Council
- Discuss and adopt Work Plan
- Virginia Greenhouse Gas Inventory; participation in The Climate Registry; proposed legislation: Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting
- Commission Roundtable
- Public Comment

Meeting 2 (University of Virginia, Miller Center)

March 27

- Intergovernmental Panel Climate Change: Findings, Process
 - How are greenhouse gases defined?
 - How would a 30% reduction in emissions affect projected impacts?
- Miller Center Climate Change Initiative
- Summary of local, state and regional approaches to addressing climate change
- Federal approaches to addressing climate change
- Major sources of GHG emissions
 - Refining information regarding 2000 emissions, forecasting emissions for 2025 (based on population growth and projected energy usage)
 - Factors that drive emission from stationary sources (utilities, manufacturing, landfills, agriculture); best practices for reducing emissions
 - Factors that drive emissions from transportation; best practices for reducing emissions

- Carbon sinks
- Commission Roundtable
- Public comment

Meeting 3 (College of William and Mary)

April 22

- Voluntary actions undertaken by industry
 - Incentives that have led to voluntary actions
- Industry experience with actions taken by other states and regions to address climate change
- Expected impacts of climate change on Virginia
 - Sea-level rise
 - Ocean acidification
 - Agriculture
 - Natural systems: forests, wetlands, wildlife
 - Chesapeake Bay fisheries (both economic and ecological effects)
 - Public health
- Commission Roundtable
- Public Comment

Meeting 4 (George Mason University)

May 13

- Expected economic impacts of climate change on Virginia
 - Sea-level rise, severe weather and the built environment (including utilities, transportation and other infrastructure)
 - Ports
 - Military installations
 - Insurance industry
 - Tourism
- Economic opportunities
 - Green investing
 - Emerging technologies
 - Proven technologies (e.g. wind power)
 - Cutting-edge technologies (e.g. algal biofuel)
 - Case studies: emerging trends in the marketplace
- Lessons learned from actions taken by other nations
- Update on congressional action
- Commission Roundtable
- Public Comment

Meeting 5 (Virginia Tech)

June 17

- Actions to address climate change being undertaken by Virginia localities
- Connection between climate change and development patterns
- The effect of compact development on GHG emissions
 - Building practices, energy use management, and codes
 - Transportation choices
- Adaptation: addressing impacts that are likely to occur despite changes in policy
 - Food supply
 - Vulnerable wildlife
 - Land use
 - Infrastructure
 - Emergency preparedness
- Refresher on state, regional approaches
- Stakeholder recommendations (to include discussion of benefits and costs)
- Commission Roundtable
 - Preliminary identification of potential strategies for cost-benefit analysis purposes
- Public Comment

Meeting 6 (Richmond)

August – TBA

- Cost-benefit analyses of potential strategies identified in meeting 5
 - Expected contribution to 30% reduction goal
 - Costs to industries and consumers
- Discussion of recommendations
- Public hearing

Meeting 7 (Richmond)

September – TBA

- Continue to discuss recommendations

Meeting 8 (Richmond)

November – TBA

- Finalize recommendations
- Review draft report