

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES

Title of Rule: Rules and Regulations for the Allocation and Distribution of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Proceeds

Rule Identifier: 300-RICR-XXX-XX-6499

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Repeal

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 09/25/2018

Hearing Date: 10/09/2018

End of Public Comment: 10/26/2018

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-140-9

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This proposal will repeal the *Rules and Regulations for the Allocation and Distribution of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Proceeds*.

This regulation is not required by statute and the process regarding the allocation and distribution of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) proceeds is described by statute (R.I. Gen. Laws Ch. 23-82). In practice, the allocation and distribution of RGGI proceeds follows the process outlined in R.I. Gen. Laws Ch. 23-82. The repeal of this regulation won't impact that process.

This repeal will not impact the Department of Environmental Management Office of Air Resources Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 46 entitled "CO2 Budget Trading Program" or the Department of Environmental Management Office of Air Resources Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 47 entitled "CO2 Budget Trading Program Allowance Distribution".

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed repeal until October 26, 2018 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed repeal shall be held on October 9, 2018 at 9:00 am at Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Second Floor, DOA 2C Conference Room, Providence, RI 02908 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-574-9105 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The repeal of the *Rules and Regulations for the Allocation and Distribution of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Proceeds* will have no costs. In practice, the allocation and distribution of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative ("RGGI") proceeds follows the process outlined in R.I. Gen. Laws Ch. 23-82. The repeal of this regulation won't impact that process. This regulation does not impact small business.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.