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Recognizing the implications that global climate change may have on the economy, environment and quality of life in Minnesota, Governor Tim Pawlenty signed into law the 2007 Next Generation Energy Act. The law builds on Minnesota's nation-leading energy policies of more renewable energy, more energy savings, and lower carbon emissions, and specifies the development of a comprehensive plan to reduce Minnesota's emissions of greenhouse gases.

The Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) was asked to help facilitate and provide technical support to a new Minnesota Climate Change Advisory Group (MCCAG) that would prepare a Climate Mitigation Action Plan for presentation to the governor and the legislature in February, 2008.

CCS worked closely with the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to create and manage the MCCAG, which began meeting in April 2007. This 56-member group, representing a vast range of public/private-sector organizations and citizen interests, is using a stakeholder-based consensus building process to develop set of state-level policy recommendations for reducing or sequestering greenhouse gas emissions. The MCCAG will also identify opportunities to promote energy-efficient technologies and clean, renewable energy resources that will enhance economic growth.

Click on the Background button (left) to learn more about the science and impacts of global climate change; to see how MCCAG's six technical work groups provide input to the group's decision-making process; and how the stakeholder process itself is proceeding.

[Next Generation Energy Initiative](#)

**Homepage of the Minnesota Climate Change Advisory Group**

**MCCAG Meeting # 8  
Thursday,  
January 24, 2008  
St. Paul, MN  
[Click here for details.](#)**

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## Minnesota Climate Change Advisory Group

The MCCAG will consider, evaluate, and compile a multi-sector set of recommended policy options and present them to the Governor. Appointed by the Governor, the MCCAG comprises a diverse group of stakeholders who bring broad perspective and expertise to the topic of climate change in Minnesota. Members represent the following sectors: energy, manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, tourism and recreation, health care, non-governmental organizations, academia, and state and local government. Click here to learn more about the MCCAG and the process it will follow.

### Members of the Minnesota Climate Change Advisory Group

### MCCAG Update and Status:



The first draft of the MCCAG report is posted here. Members of the MCCAG and Technical Work Groups have submitted comments on this draft. Their comments are now being incorporated into the Revised Draft MCCAG report.

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**Updated\* Timeline for Revised Draft and Final MCCAG Report:**

**Revised Draft Report** – the revised DRAFT report incorporating comments from the MCCAG and TWGs will be posted by Wednesday, March 12, 2008, for a one-week review period by Members of the MCCAG and TWGs. The MCCAG will hold a conference call (to be scheduled) during the week of March 24 to provide any additional comments on the report.

**Final Report** – the final report, incorporating comments from the MCCAG and TWGs, will be posted for review by the public during the week of April 1, 2008. The deadline for public comment is April 18, 2008.

\*Note: An extra week has been added to the original timeline to provide CCAG and TWG members additional time for review and comment.

## Meetings and Documents

Meeting #8 of MCCAG, January 24, 2008 (Thursday), 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront, 11 East Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN. Check-in at the MN Climate Change registration area to receive a voucher for discounted parking in the hotel. The public is invited to attend.

Please visit [www.crowneplaza.com/stpaul](http://www.crowneplaza.com/stpaul) for directions to the Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront Hotel and information on discounted room rates. If you need to make room reservations at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront hotel, note that you are attending the MN Climate Change meeting and ask for the government rate of \$113, plus tax.

Documents posted for Meeting #8 include:

- Notice and Agenda
- Draft Summary of MCCAG Meeting #7 (updated attendee list)
- Draft Summary of MCCAG Meeting #6 (this is the same file that is posted under Meeting #7)
- CCS PowerPoint Presentation
  - Printer friendly version of PowerPoint (black and white, 2 slides/page)
- CCS Memo to MCCAG on Preparation for 8th Meeting
- Policy Option Descriptions for Analysis:
  - Agriculture, Forestry, and Waste Management (Table on page 1 updated Jan. 22, 2008)
  - Energy Supply
  - Residential, Commercial, and Industrial
  - Transportation and Land Use
  - Cross-Cutting Issues
  - Cap-and-Trade

Meeting #7 of MCCAG, January 10, 2008 (Thursday), 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Saint Paul Hotel, 350 Market Street in Saint Paul, MN. The public is invited to attend. [Click here for directions to the Saint Paul Hotel and a map of the location.](#)

Documents for Meeting #7 include:

- Notice and Agenda
- Draft Summary of MCCAG Meeting #6
- CCS PowerPoint Presentation
  - Printer Friendly version of PowerPoint (black and white, 2 slides/page)
- CCS Memo to MCCAG on Preparation for 7th Meeting
- Policy Option Descriptions for Analysis:
  - Agriculture, Forestry, and Waste Management
  - Energy Supply
  - Residential, Commercial and Industrial
  - Transportation and Land Use
  - Cross-Cutting Issues
  - Cap-and-Trade

Meeting #6 of MCCAG, December 5, 2007 (Wednesday), 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Saint Paul Hotel, 350 Market Street in Saint Paul, MN. The public is invited to attend. [Click here for directions to the Saint Paul Hotel and a map of the location.](#)

## Documents for Meeting #6 include:

- Notice and Agenda
- Draft Summary of MCCAG Meeting #5
- CCS Powerpoint Presentation
  - Printer Friendly version of Powerpoint (black and white, 2 slides/page)
- CCS Memo to MCCAG on Preparation for 6th Meeting
- Policy Option Descriptions for Analysis:
  - Agriculture, Forestry, and Waste Management
  - Energy Supply
  - Residential, Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial
  - Transportation and Land Use
  - Cross-Cutting Issues
  - Cap and Trade

Meeting #5 of MCCAG, November 8, 2007 (Thursday), 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Saint Paul Hotel, 350 Market Street in Saint Paul, MN. The public is invited to attend. [Click here for directions to the Saint Paul Hotel and a map of the location.](#)

## Documents for Meeting #5 include:

- Notice and Agenda
- Draft Summary of MCCAG Meeting #4
- CCS-Powerpoint Presentation
  - Printer Friendly version of Powerpoint (black and white, 2 slides/page)
- CCS Memo to MCCAG on Preparation for 5th Meeting
- Policy Option Descriptions for Analysis:
  - Agriculture, Forestry, and Waste Management
  - Energy Supply
  - Residential, Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial
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Meeting #4 of MCCAG, September 27, 2007 (Thursday), 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza St Paul Riverfront, 11 East Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN. The meeting will held in the Great River Ballroom (upstairs). Check-in at the MN Climate Change registration area to receive a voucher for discounted parking in the hotel. [This is the same location as Meeting #2 and #3.] The public is invited to attend.

Please visit [www.crowneplaza.com/stpaul](http://www.crowneplaza.com/stpaul) for directions to the Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront Hotel and information on discounted room rates. If you need to make room reservations at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront hotel, note that you are attending the MN Climate Change meeting and ask for the government rate of \$113, plus tax.

## Documents posted for Meeting #4 include:

- Notice and Agenda
- Draft Summary of MCCAG Meeting #3
- CCS, Powerpoint Presentation (1 slide/page)
  - Powerpoint Handout, black and white (2 slides/page version of the Powerpoint)
- CCS Memo to MCCAG on Preparation for 4th Meeting
- Policy Option Descriptions for Analysis:

*Note: The MCCAG will review the information in the "Handout" for each TWG which contains only the draft descriptions and designs of each priority policy option as well as existing policies and programs in Minnesota related to that policy option. The full policy option template, also provided in draft form, includes not only the information in the "Handout" but also any other information that the TWGs have compiled thus far.*

- Agriculture, Forestry, and Waste Management
  - Agriculture, Forestry, and Waste Management Handout
- Energy Supply
  - Energy Supply Handout
- Residential, Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial
  - Residential, Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial Handout
- Transportation and Land Use
  - Transportation and Land Use Handout
- Cross-Cutting Issues
  - Cross-Cutting Issues Handout

**Note:** Feb. 16, 2008 - We are experiencing technical difficulties with capacity for this section of the website. To allow for the Draft Report to be posted, we have moved the information and documents for Meetings 1 through 3 to the "Contact Us"

portion of the website. We are working to expand this section's capacity.

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