

**Considerations for discussion of 15 Climate Change Advisory Committee
Recommendations
Environmental Quality Council
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The information below is a summary of key points from the Montana Climate Change Action Plan and the associated appendices. The legislative and administrative options prepared by staff and participating agencies do not include an economic analysis.

CC-7.1

Target for Reducing the State's Own GHG Emissions

(64% of participating EQC members voting 4 or 5 and 52% of the public voting 4 or 5)

✓ Reduce GHG emissions from Montana State Government to 1990 levels by 2018 and 5% below 1990 levels by 2020.

Conservation Considerations:

- Pages J-2 through J-4 Appendices

What's Being Done:

- Governor has set goal of 20% reduction in energy use in state government by 2010.
- State Building Energy Conservation Act, 90-4-601, MCA.
- The 2007 Legislature approved Senate Bill No. 449, requiring fuel efficiency standards for certain state-owned vehicles and requiring a plan for fuel and travel reduction by state agencies. Vehicles purchased after January 1, 2008 must meet or exceed CAFE standards, with exemptions.
- State Energy Policy requires the state to promote energy conservation, production, and consumption of a reliable and efficient mix of energy sources that represent the least social, environmental, and economic costs and the greatest long-term benefits to Montana citizens, 90-4-1001, MCA.

Potential Actions:

* Legislative or EQC options (not complete, intended to be starting point for discussion):

- Additional resources for state building energy efficiency.
- Require renewable energy sources, i.e. solar, etc, at state buildings, where cost-effective.
- The 2007 Legislature contemplated House Bill No. 238 to require efficiency audits in state-owned buildings. The bill missed a transmittal deadline and died in committee.

* Resolution or recommendation of intent

* No action

* Administrative options:

- Develop program for keeping inventory of emission sources and sinks on continuing basis with forecasts. (This could be integrated into DEQ's existing inventory and forecasting functions). Depending on scope could require resources.