

## MONTANA

### Legislation

### RPS

### Climate Change Action Plan

2007

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On November 19, 2007, Governor Brian Schweitzer announced a new initiative seeking a 20% reduction in energy consumption by state agencies by the year 2010. He also announced that Montana will join the Western Climate Initiative. While much of the reduction is expected to come from decreasing electric, and other utility, consumption, Governor Schweitzer is also asking agencies to apply a Montana CAFE (corporate average fuel economy) standard and move state vehicle fleets to achieve an average of 30 miles per gallon or better. Governor's press release <http://governor.mt.gov/news/pr.asp?ID=513>

On November 19, 2007 the Governor's Climate Change Advisory Committee also presented the Climate Change Action Plan. The CCAC agreed upon 54 policy recommendations that are designed to help reduce Montana's emissions of GHGs to 1990 levels by the year 2020. Some of the recommendations can be implemented immediately, and some will require the support of the Montana State Legislature. Montana's inventory of greenhouse gas emissions was also updated. The inventory showed a 14% increase in GHG emissions from 1990 to 2005. The summary of the Climate Change Action Plan and full report are available at:

[www.mtclimatechange.us](http://www.mtclimatechange.us)

### Montana Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reference Case Projections, 1990-2020

On May 14, 2007, Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer signed HB 25, adopting a CO<sub>2</sub> emissions performance standard for electric generating units in the state. HB 25 prohibits the state Public Utility Commission from pre-approving electric generating units primarily fueled by coal unless a minimum of 50% of the CO<sub>2</sub> produced by the facility is captured and sequestered.

[Governor's Signing Statement](#)

[HB 25](#)

Governor Schweitzer established the Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC) with the aim of formulating recommendations for specific actions for reducing or sequestering greenhouse gas emissions by July 2007. The Committee will also identify opportunities to promote energy efficient technologies and clean, renewable energy resources that will enhance economic growth. The goals of this process include:

1) Development of a current and comprehensive inventory and forecast of GHG emissions in Montana from 1990 to 2020;

2) Development of a comprehensive set of individual policy recommendations to the Governor to reduce GHG emissions in Montana. <http://www.mtclimatechange.us/index.cfm>

Montana Renewables Portfolio Standard

5% in 2008; 10% in 2010; 15% in 2015