

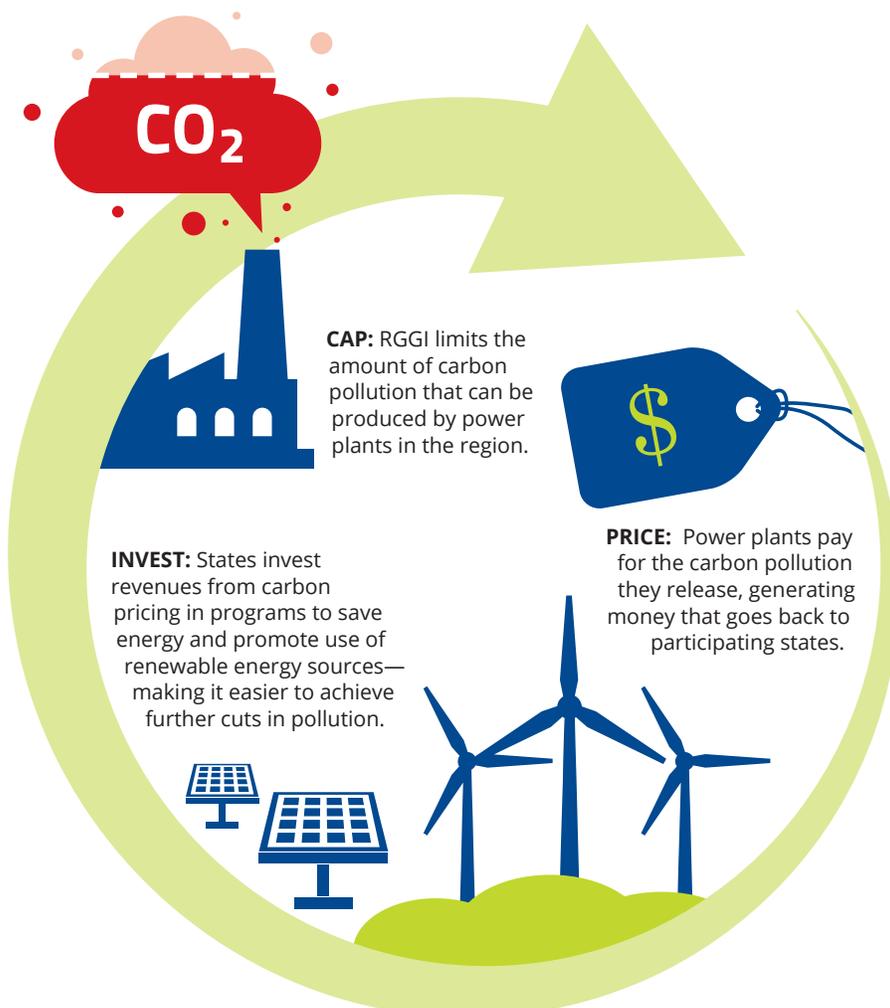
Cooler Together

The Benefits of Cooperative Action Against Global Warming in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Beyond



In 2008, a bipartisan group of governors in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states launched the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), the nation's first regional program to limit the pollution that causes global warming. A decade later, the initiative is a proven success—cutting pollution and moving the region toward a clean energy future—and an example for other states to follow.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS



IMPRESSIVE BENEFITS

The benefits of RGGI to the region include:

- Helping to **cut carbon pollution in half** from power plants since 2005.¹
- Raising more than \$2.7 billion for member states, including more than **\$1 billion for energy efficiency** improvements and \$270 million for clean and renewable energy.²
- **Averting hundreds of premature deaths** through cleaner air.³

ROOM TO GROW

To build on the success of RGGI:

- Other states—including New Jersey and Virginia—can join the program or adopt parallel programs.
- Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states can expand RGGI's proven approach to cover other sources of carbon pollution besides power plants, such as transportation.



1 Bruce Ho and Jackson Morris, NRDC, *RGGI Agrees to Cut Power Plant Pollution by Another 30%*, archived at <https://web.archive.org/web/20171127222309/www.nrdc.org/experts/bruce-ho/rggi-agrees-cut-power-plant-pollution-another-30>, 27 November 2017.

2 Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, *Investment of RGGI Proceeds in 2015*, October 2017.

3 Abt Associates, *Analysis of the Public Health Impacts of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, 2009–2014*, January 2017.