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PEC work on energy and climate offers local, state and global solutions to climate change.

Climate change gained worldwide recognition at the beginning of February when the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) announced findings that link global warming and human behaviors. A day later, Governor Rendell announced initiatives to create energy independence through technological investment and a comprehensive strategy to make Pennsylvania a leader in addressing climate change.

Over the past year, the Pennsylvania Environmental Council has created an energy and climate center of excellence to address new challenges and to extend our work to date. On page four readers will learn how we are addressing tangible efforts to increase residential and commercial energy efficiency. In the spring, a roadmap that identifies strategies for significant reduction of green gas emissions in Pennsylvania will be released. In keeping with its mission of collaboration – PEC is spearheading this effort with a partnership that draws representatives from business, academia, state agencies and fellow non-profit organizations. More information will be available at our website www.pecpa.org.

Did you know? Local and national stories on the IPCC findings included interviews by both speakers at a conference PEC co-sponsored last October. Dr. Richard Alley and Dr. Michael Mann were chapter author and reviewer respectively. More at www.essc.psu.edu

PEC to partner with PA DEP COALS program. Will launch statewide effort to clean up illegal dumpsites.

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council will partner with the PA Department of Environmental Protection and other partners to expand coverage statewide of a program designed to clean up illegal dumpsites. This program, called Clean up Our American Lands and Streams (COALS), addresses an environmental problem that threatens open and wooded lands throughout Pennsylvania. The first clean up projects were held in Columbia and Northumberland counties after a December 2004 tour of illegal dumpsites by DEP and municipal officials on county and coal company properties.

The program depends on a coalition of other state and local partners including property owners, local officials, companies that donate waste removal and volunteers who partner together to cleanup the sites, and properly dispose of the refuse and to recycle tires and other items. "It's truly awesome to see 30 high school student volunteers create a human chain and remove 3,000 tires in



"We are seeking to grow our partnership of private industry, landowners, environmental groups, community volunteers and government at all levels. Together, we can defeat illegal dumping now and in the future."

DEP Secretary Kathleen A. McGinty

ABOVE: **Did you know** that Pennsylvania's forests may hold one answer to addressing global warming? Visit www.dcnr.state.pa.us and click on "Carbon Sequestration" under "Hot Topics" to learn more. RIGHT: **Before & After** – An illegal dumpsite in 2006 located along a two mile loop of wooded watershed on Gordon Mountain in Cass Township, Schuylkill County. 91 tons of solid waste and 15,000 tires were cleaned up and properly disposed.

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From the Desk of the President A Tradition of Innovation

A new year always holds promise and this year is no exception at the Pennsylvania Environmental Council with a number of new projects and initiatives underway for 2007.

In the past year, we have spent considerable time clarifying our statewide work. The result is three Centers of Excellence – our two historic strengths working to protect Pennsylvania’s *water resources* and advocating for land use policies and projects that help sustain the character and quality of our *communities*. Additionally, we have identified projects that address a critical issue in Pennsylvania and globally, *energy* and *climate*.

Occasionally, a project comes along that allows us to address several issues at one time. I am pleased that PEC is partnering with DEP on the COALS project (front page). Illegal dumpsites endanger groundwater, degrade the community’s sense of local pride and threaten the health of open spaces. A project like COALS that engages land owners, municipal officials, and local volunteers for a positive outcome is a win-win-win for sustaining our communities and protecting water resources. We are excited about the possibility of working in key areas of the state to remediate illegal dumping – and we hope that we can help clean up a site near you.

I also thought you would enjoy learning about another exciting project relating to PEC’s work. Several years ago, PEC started a subsidiary organization called Enterprising Environmental Solutions, Inc. (EESI) that incubates projects that are innovative and/or may involve work in other states or nations. One of the projects that blossomed is the Center for Climate Strategies (CCS). Please take a moment to read the success story in the special insert in this edition of the Forum.

Our work with CCS exemplifies our efforts to develop new state policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions here and elsewhere. PEC is the one of the few organizations in the nation that works at both the project and policy level on this issue – promoting energy conservation (see the article on page 4), alternative energy development, and public policy that responds to an issue of international significance.

In the coming year I look forward to meeting you – our members and constituents. I encourage you to join us at events that we co-sponsor or host, such as our dinners. Please, if you attend, introduce yourself to me. A conversation with one of our members is something I truly enjoy.

Finally, I want to offer a heartfelt thank you to all of you who renewed your membership or joined in 2006, and to those who made an additional contribution at the end of the year. It’s your support that makes it possible for PEC to continue to advocate policies that enhance our quality of life in Pennsylvania and allows us to implement projects that benefit communities throughout the state.

Brian J. Hill
President & CEO

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If you have comments on *Forum*, contact Renny Magill at RMagill@pecpa.org

Upcoming Events

For a more detailed listing of events, visit our website at www.pecpa.org

MARCH 2007

Governor’s Outdoor Conference

March 18 – 20,
State College
For info call 877-240-2245 or
www.connectoutdoors.state.pa.us.

The goal of this conference is to involve stakeholders in a dialogue about strengthening Pennsylvania residents’ connections to the outdoors. PEC staff will participate as panelists and speakers at several seminars.

Philadelphia: Finally a River City Again

March 15, Philadelphia.
Free and open to the public.
For more information visit
www.sustainablephiladelphia.com.

Annual EAC Network Conference

March 10, Bryn Mawr.
(See story on page 5.)

APRIL 2007

Confluence 2007: Preparing for the Storm: Stormwater Solutions for Pennsylvania Communities

April 5 – 6, State College
One and a half day technical workshop focused on the implementation of PA’s new stormwater BMP manual for professional engineers, consultants, developers, municipal officials, conservation organizations and watershed stakeholders. More information at 717-234-5550 or www.cbf.org.

Environmental Law Forum

April 11 – 12, Harrisburg
This year’s theme is Get the Green Advantage! Hundreds of Pennsylvania lawyers will gather together in Harrisburg for the Environmental Law Forum 2007, where they will study this trend, learn about new developments, prepare for their clients’ questions, and compare success stories. More information at www.pbi.org.

American Planning Association Conference

April 14 – 18, Philadelphia
National conference for professional planners which will draw 5,000 – 7,000 attendees. Pennsylvania Environmental Council staff will be involved as a part of a mobile workshop and exhibitor at the conference. The Pennsylvania Environmental Council’s Director of Community Planning, Anna Breinich, is a co-chair for the conference’s local host committee. More information at www.planning.org.

Harrisburg Dinner

April 17, 5 – 9 pm, Farm Show Building, Harrisburg. This year, the Pennsylvania Environmental Council kicks off its series of marquee events with a dinner in Harrisburg to honor the statewide recipients of the 2007 Governor’s Awards for Environmental Excellence. The event is open to all, and sponsorships are available for the event. For more information call 800-322-9214 or e-mail comalley@pecpa.org

Sustainability Awards

April 26, Philadelphia. Open to the public. The Pennsylvania Environmental Council and partners announce call for nominations for Philadelphia Sustainability Awards that will Honor the Philadelphia region’s progress towards becoming the greenest, most livable city in America. For more information call (215) 592-7020 or learn more on the PEC website www.pecpa.org.

MAY 2007

Pennsylvania Land Trust Association Conference

May 11 – 12, State College
Land trusts and conservation organizations gather to learn the latest information and technical assistance. More information at www.conserveland.org.

JUNE 2007

Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards Dinner

June 7, Pittsburgh
Join Pennsylvania Environmental Council for this much anticipated annual awards event. Five awards cash awards of \$5,000 will be awarded to organizations and community groups that are making a difference in the western Pennsylvania region. Sponsorships are available. For more information visit the PEC website www.pecpa.org and click on “News and Events.”

37th Annual Philadelphia Dinner

June, Philadelphia
This not to be missed networking gala event is sure to be a winner again this year. For more information visit Pennsylvania Environmental Council’s website at www.pecpa.org and click on “News & Events.”

Board & Staff News



Welcome!

PEC recently welcomed Paul Racette as the Watersheds Programs Manager in the Philadelphia office. Paul is an environmental professional with 25 years of experience that has included positions with federal agencies, private consulting groups, and educational/nonprofit organizations.

Following 2 years of Peace Corps fishery extension work in central Africa, Paul worked on air and hazardous waste management proj-

ects in southeastern Pennsylvania. He re-located to Seattle in 1991, continuing to work on hazardous material site investigations and cleanups as a human health risk assessor. Since 1998 Paul has refocused his career on natural resource management issues. He coordinated a Washington State University (WSU) Extension Watershed Stewardship program, initiated a landowner conservation tools program (also at WSU), and gained experience with biological assessments, ecological restoration, and mitigation banking. He holds Biology (BS) and Environmental Science (MS) degrees.

PEC MISSION

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council protects and restores the natural and built environments through innovation, collaboration, education and advocacy. The Pennsylvania Environmental Council believes in the value of partnerships with the private sector, government, communities and individuals to improve the quality of life for all Pennsylvanians.



Cutting Utility Bills Sharing Solutions with the Community



TOP: The original Nature Center building at Asbury Woods has been beautifully restored, and many energy improvements were identified in CCEP's energy rating of the building.

ABOVE: Jason Amory examines the attic hatch at Asbury Woods. Adding insulation and weatherstripping to the hatch will reduce heat loss and air leakage.

Last autumn, Commonwealth Community Energy Project (CCEP) held a workshop for Erie community members and patrons of Asbury Woods, an environmental center located in Millcreek Township near Erie. The workshop, titled "Saving Energy Makes Cent\$, " offered homeowners advice on the best ways to make their homes more efficient and comfortable. Because Asbury Woods wanted to "practice what it preaches", the environmental center also had the Energy Project conduct an energy rating of its 70-year-old cottage, and present the findings to its members.

Asbury Woods is a 200-acre educational and recreational center of wetlands, trails, forests, streams and historic properties. The Nature Center features a newly constructed 6,000 square foot addition that includes classrooms, a laboratory, and exhibit areas. Although the Nature Center is environmentally friendly, the 1931 cottage has some room for improvement.

The Energy Project's rating identified a few major challenge areas within the facility. Through identifying and addressing these problems, the center improved from its current energy rating of 3+ stars (average) to a solid 5 stars (excellent), saving \$600/year in energy costs.

Worried about skyrocketing utility costs?

Host a Workshop!

Learn how to cut your utility bills by changing how you operate your home, and which energy improvements yield the biggest savings for homes in northwest Pennsylvania. See why replacement windows are NOT the best solution to high utility bills. Find out about home energy ratings and what they can teach you about improving your home's efficiency, comfort, and safety.

If you want to find out more by hosting an Energy Project workshop, please contact: Kathy Greely,
814-332-2986, kgreely@allegheny.edu

Shocked by post-holiday electric bills?

Spotlight on Energy Savings

Next year, if you want to brighten up the holidays without running up your electric bill, consider LED decorative lights. They use approximately 90% less energy than conventional seasonal lights. Although they are more costly, they last up to seven times longer because there is no glass or filament to break. And, because they give off much less heat, they are less of a fire risk. If you're looking for a post-holiday bargain, here's one that can keep saving you money for years to come.

Legislative News

Policy Updates

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council is pleased about the passage of two federal bills which impact the environmental quality of life in Pennsylvania and relate to PEC's Centers of Excellence that impact environmental quality in Pennsylvania:

- Legislation has passed Congress which reauthorizes the Abandoned Mine Land Trust Fund for 15 years, increases Pennsylvania's share of Fund expenditures, and makes Fund spending mandatory – which means revenues will not be controlled through the annual appropriations process. A diverse coalition of environmental, sportsmen, and community groups, including PEC and several members of the Policy Committee, has been working on this effort for almost ten years. This is a historic victory for restoration in Pennsylvania. The final legislative package (included in HR 6111) also had the support of the mining industry, western states, and the United Mine Workers.
- Legislation has passed Congress which authorizes the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, the first national water trail. As a project partner with both the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources and the Fish & Boat Commission to promote water trail development across the state, PEC supported this legislation. For more information about the Trail, please visit: <http://www.friendsofthejohnsmith-trail.org/>



Sustainable Forum (Philly)

Sustainable transportation can help us get us out of gridlock! Pennsylvania's current transportation systems need to exit out of financial crisis, take the on-ramp to new technologies and new solutions that make our systems more efficient.

To help Philadelphians understand some sustainable transportation options, PEC hosted the November Urban Sustainability Forum at the Academy of Natural Sciences. PEC's Director of Sustainable Development, Spencer Finch, moderated the event and briefly presented Philadelphia's transportation history.

Guest panelists included Dick Voith, a member of the Governor's Transportation Reform Commission, which recently reported on Pennsylvania's transportation crisis and proposed recommendations. Sam Schwartz, who coined the term "gridlock," spoke about New York's innovative initiatives to reduce congestion, improve parking, and promote new transportation modes. Scott Pendergrast, Director of Real Estate for MARTA, Atlanta's version of SEPTA, talked about efforts to implement Transit-Oriented

Hybrid, Bus-Rapid-Transit vehicles parked outside the Academy made the dinosaurs inside happy – these vehicles, hopefully coming soon to a neighborhood near you, will burn less fossil fuels and help humans avoid the road to extinction.

Development (TOD) and make Atlanta a less auto-dependent city. Michael Replogle, Director of Transportation for the Environmental Defense organization, provided technical background on making Public-Private Partnerships work for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Audience members also hitched a ride on some of the latest cars and buses of the future. Honda and Mercury exhibited their hybrid vehi-

cles, NABI and New Flyer displayed their advanced technology BRT buses, and Philly Car Share offered easy sign up options for their innovative car sharing program.

PEC is also working with a coalition of groups to implement the Governor's Transportation Reform and Funding Commission's recommendations on transit and land use. We featured the report at an environmental partners breakfast in December 06 and it will be an important focus of our policy work in 2007.

For more information on this event and other Sustainability Forum events, please check out the Forum website at www.sustainablephiladelphia.com or contact Spencer Finch at sfinch@pecpa.org or at 215-592-7020, ext. 105.

PEC members can get a free copy of that evening's presentation on DVD-ROM (in Real Media format) by contacting PEC's Communication Manager, Jessica Anderson at janderson@pecpa.org or 215- 592-7020, ext .101.



2007 EAC CONFERENCE
Saturday, March 10, 2007
at The American College and
The Gregg Conference Center
270 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA

Organizations, businesses and governments all over the state are aggressively getting Pennsylvania onboard to become more sustainable. The 2007 EAC Conference will show EAC's how they play a pivotal role in incorporating sustainable practices into their work in municipalities.

As conference attendees will learn, "sustainability" is more than just a buzzword. It impacts our food, transportation, energy and homes. The Conference will focus on several aspects of sustainability. As usual, regional leaders and innovators who are leading the way will serve as presenters.

The Conference kicks off with a discussion about global warming, how it impacts the Northeast United States and Pennsylvania in particular. Attendees will then choose from several breakout sessions where they can learn about clean energy, sustainable agriculture practices, green buildings and using trees to manage stormwater runoff.

The Conference will also present the EAC Achievement Awards, which honor excellence in community involvement, effectiveness and originality when responding to environmental concerns. Past recipients have created greenway stewardship guides for priority landscapes and organized environmental activities such as cleanups and educational guides.

For more information about the conference, contact Jeanne Barrett-Ortiz at jortiz@pecpa.org.



Board members support Pennsylvania Environmental Council through events:

In 2006, several board members supported PEC through in-kind donations that helped raise awareness and funds for PEC's mission:

Philip L. Hinerman, Esq.

Partner at Fox Rothschild, LLP.
www.foxrothschild.com.



Phil has served as resident wine expert at PEC's wine receptions in the Philadelphia office the past two years. These events raise money for PEC and provide for an opportunity for our members and friends to network. We would also like to note that Phil selected and donated the wine for the event – allowing more sponsor and attendee contributions to go towards our programs, and ensuring that guests had the chance to savor some world-renown, exquisite wines. Thanks Phil.

Seth v.d.H. Cooley, Esq.

Partner, Duane Morris, LLP.
www.duanemorris.com.



Seth hosted an Environmental Partners Breakfast in February 2006. The topic of the meeting was PCB's in the Delaware River Estuary. By hosting the breakfast, Seth helped PEC provide our partners with the latest information on regulatory and economic issues concerning this topic.

Carol F. McCabe, Esq.

Partner, Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP.
www.mgklaw.com.



Carol hosted an Environmental Partners Breakfast in December 2006 with PennDOT Secretary Allen Biehler on the Transportation Reform agenda. By hosting the breakfast, Carol helped PEC provide our members with an opportunity to share their thoughts with a cabinet officer, who is deeply engaged in the issue.

PEC Partners from front page

three hours," said DEP COALS Solid Waste Program Specialist, Don Hagerich. Additionally, DEP has established an education aspect to work with high school students, publicize the events, and inform residents that dumping is illegal and that enforcement will be used if necessary to stop those dumping.

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council specifically steps in to lend its statewide presence to the project. To date PEC and DEP have secured financial commitments totaling over \$250,000 to support the efforts of the COALS program in several counties in northeastern Pennsylvania. This funding was obtained from a variety of sources including local legislators, business and industry, and the public at large. Additionally, PEC and DEP officials have met in Meadville to study the possibility of addressing several illegal dumpsites in that region. Brian Hill, PEC President & CEO noted that "this is very tangible and on-the-ground project that has applications throughout the state. We're pleased to partner with DEP to address this environmental hazard that threatens our communities." Learn more at www.depweb.state.pa.us, Keyword= COALS.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Environmental Partners

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council would like to thank the following organizations that renewed their "Environmental Partner" membership in 2006. These organizations recognize that when they support PEC, they are supporting an organization that has a genuine environmental ethic coupled with a non-adversarial, collaborative approach to tackling some of our states most complex and challenging environmental matters without rhetoric or sensationalism.

These organizations receive the benefits of a tax-deductible contribution and receive additional recognition and access in return for their membership. To learn more about how your organization can support the effort and receive the benefits please contact Renny Magill, Director of Development & Communications at 800-322-9214 or rmagill@pecpa.org.



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"Pittsburgh's 250th Anniversary & Completing the Great Allegheny Passage"

First of its kind summit highlights economic and environmental benefits from walking and biking trails

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council co-sponsored the Western PA Trails Symposium, last October. 140 attendees and panelists from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia participated in the two day event, which helped update trail maps and educated participants on trail maintenance and planning.

Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) maps of existing and proposed Western PA trails and connections to adjoining states, participants were given the opportunity to make corrections and additions to accurately represent their trail. The changes were entered directly into the GIS database by the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources and the PA Fish & Boat Commission. The goal was to create an up-to-date GIS layer of all of the trails in Western PA and make the information publicly available.

David Kahley, President & CEO of the Progress Fund, delivered the keynote speech. He spoke about trails as the economic generators of tomorrow. Trails follow the routes of commerce that built this nation on former railroad lines and along our rivers. These corridors are valued for their recreational use and increasingly for their impact on local economies. Mr. Kahley's message to attendees was to embrace the role of economic development as trails will leave a lasting impact on not only the natural infrastructure, but on the local economies of the towns and cities that they pass through.

PEC thanks its partner, Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society, Inc. Other event partners and participants included the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, the PA Department of Transportation, the PA Fish & Boat Commission, the National Park Service and the Rails to Trails Conservancy.

To view many of the presentations that were offered during the symposium please visit our web site at <http://www.pecwest.org/trailsymposium.htm>.

To celebrate Pittsburgh's 250th anniversary in 2008, The Allegheny Conference on Community Development has adopted the completion of the Great Allegheny Passage as a signature project for the celebration. The Great Allegheny Passage will connect Pittsburgh to Cumberland, MD. In Cumberland the trail connects to the C & O Canal Towpath thus completing a trail connection between Pittsburgh and Washington D.C. This 335-mile trail system is designated as the Potomac National Scenic Trail.

The entire trail system is complete with the exception of nine crucial miles connecting McKeesport to Pittsburgh. This final segment is proving to be the most challenging segment because there is not an intact corridor that is available for trail development. Instead, partners are working with multiple corporate and municipal property owners to create a corridor for the trail. This portion of trail, known as the Steel Valley Trail, snakes through the Monongahela Valley, which is the home of several former steel mill sites.

Pennsylvania Environmental Council staff members are very pleased to be a part of the team that is actively working to complete this trail segment. We are proud to be working with the Allegheny Trail Alliance, Steel Valley Trail Council, Regional Trail Corporation, Allegheny County, local municipalities and the Allegheny Conference on Community Development.

For more information about the Great Allegheny Passage please visit www.greatalleghenypassage.org. For more information about Pittsburgh's 250th Anniversary please visit www.imaginepittsburgh.com.

PEC joins forces with the 3 Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Project

PEC's Pittsburgh Office and the 3 Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Project (3RWW) have partnered to address the quality and quantity of stormwater in the region. 3RWW was created in 1998 to help Allegheny County's municipalities address the issue of untreated sewage and stormwater overflowing into local waterways. The partnership between PEC and 3RWW will focus on the City of Pittsburgh and the Pine Creek Watershed in Allegheny County, where PEC has been involved in a multi-municipal watershed effort for the past five years. The organizations will work together to develop education and outreach opportunities, encourage Best Management Practices (BMPs), draft land use ordinances and encourage their adoption by municipalities, provide assistance in meeting MS4 requirements, and develop a green roof program for Pittsburgh.



BMPs will be a major focus in Pine Creek during 2007. PEC recently received a grant from Pennsylvania's Nonpoint Source Implementation Program to identify BMPs for the area and create a mechanism and schedule for implementation. We look forward to working with local communities and volunteers on this important project.



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Enterprising Environmental Solutions, Inc. (EESI) began in 1998 as a public-private partnership to find lasting solutions to long-term environmental problems. The corporation grew out of Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge's 21st Century Environment Commission, which mobilized the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and other partners to create a new organization dedicated to collaborative environmental action.

Since its inception, EESI has identified and implemented best practices in environmental protection, policy innovation and market-based solutions. Using economic incentives as a driver – EESI is creating new models of environmental quality improvement. It does this in part by creating successful demonstration projects to achieve economic development and environmental protection.

One such project is demonstrated here:



Since 2004, *The Center for Climate Strategies (CCS)* has provided state governments and regional entities with key support in the development and implementation of policy solutions to global warming. During this time, state

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– Tom Peterson, CCS Executive Director

action to address climate change has advanced with impressive speed and public support and is now visibly influencing the shape and scope of national policy deliberations, particularly in the wake of the 2006 mid-term

elections. CCS Executive Director Tom Peterson remarks, “Our work in support of these processes is attracting more attention and is now more crucial than ever. Ultimately, states are where consensus and innovation are built and where real solutions – even those legislated federally – are implemented.”

Fifteen states have now completed or launched comprehensive climate action plans since 2000, and CCS team members have provided lead support in the majority of these processes. Most recently, in fall 2006, CCS delivered precedent-setting state climate action plans to Governors of Arizona and New Mexico (in August and December). Each plan was the result of an 18-month long, consensus-based policy development process, in which CCS facilitated and coordinated the work of state Climate Change





Advisory Groups (CCAGs) and Technical Work Groups (TWGs), under directives from separate Executive Orders issued by Governors Napolitano and Richardson.

Arizona's plan proved to be a model for high growth states, as it is one of the



fastest growing economies and populations in the country. Net economic savings of \$5.5 billion (2007-2020) are projected from a total of 49 policy recommendations, including expanded energy efficiency programs, diversified clean energy, and adoption of the state clean car program. See www.azclimatechange.us.



The newly released New Mexico climate recommendations are equally compelling. The state's plan recommends 69 policy actions, 67 of which were approved via unanimous consent. The plan projects

over \$2 billion in net economic savings to the state (2007-2020), along with new breakthroughs in oil and gas emissions reduction goals and fossil energy programs. Governor Richardson has already announced implementation of some policy measures from the plan. See www.nmclimatechange.us.



CCS this month launched a new web site featuring an interactive map with links to state climate plans and key information on climate policy development and state leadership in this area.

See www.climatestrategies.us.

The CCS team of senior policy and technical experts is applying its model of consensus-based climate policy development, involving representative groups of public stakeholders, in several other states, including:

North Carolina, Montana, Vermont, Colorado, Pennsylvania, and, most recently, South Carolina



and Minnesota. These processes aim to deliver immediate and implementable economic development opportunities in tandem with greenhouse gas reductions and environmental and energy policy gains.

Regionally, CCS is partnering with the Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP) and the Western Governors' Association (WGA) to create comprehensive and consistent greenhouse gas inventories and forecasts for all WRAP member states. The newest addition to the CCS Team is Terry Tamminen, appointed in 2003 by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as



the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency and later as Cabinet Secretary, the Chief Policy Advisor to the Governor. He will assist CCS and state leaders

in expanding state climate planning and policy development across the United States.