

USA - Washington

General Information

| <p>Summary</p> | <p>Status: ETS under consideration</p> <p>Jurisdictions: Washington</p> <p>The State of Washington continues to pursue carbon pricing policies through its legislature and executive agencies.</p> <p>In 2016, the Washington Department of Ecology adopted the ‘Clean Air Rule’ (CAR), a baseline and credit system that reduces emissions from industrial sources, petroleum fuel producers and importers, and natural gas distributors. The CAR would apply to emitters responsible for at least 100,000 tonnes of GHGs per year, requiring covered facilities to reduce a cumulative 1.7% of their baseline emissions annually. They can comply by reducing their own emissions, buying credits from other regulated parties or from projects that reduce emissions, or by acquiring allowances from approved ETS programs.</p> <p>However, the CAR was suspended before it could be enforced, pending a legal challenge. The Washington Supreme Court partially upheld the CAR in January 2020, ruling that it could apply to stationary sources of emissions but not fuel suppliers and natural gas distributors that contribute to emissions from combustion farther downstream. The state legislature is considering a bill that would address this limitation by extending the CAR to producers and distributors of fossil fuels (Senate Bill 6628).</p> <p>Carbon pricing policies, including a proposed ETS, have repeatedly come before the legislature and in two unsuccessful state referenda. Laws forcing steep emissions reductions successfully passed in the 2019 session, but no carbon pricing measures were approved. The most recent ETS proposal, Senate Bill 5981, would establish a WCI-modeled ETS. Further debate on that bill and other carbon pricing measures is expected in the 2020 session.</p> <p>Clean Air Rule State of the State Address (2018)</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Year in Review</p> | <p>No information available yet.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Overall GHG emissions (excluding LULUCF)</p> | <p>Emissions: 97.4 MtCO₂e (2017)</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Overall GHG reduction target</p> | <p>BY 2020: Reduce emissions to 1990 GHG levels</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>BY 2035: 25% reduction from 1990 GHG levels</p> <p>BY 2050: 50% reduction from 1990 GHG levels or 70% reduction from the state's expected emissions for that year</p> |
| Carbon Price | <i>Current Allowance Price (per t/CO2e):</i> No information available yet. |

ETS Size

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| Emissions covered by the ETS | No information available yet. |
| GHG covered | No information available yet. |
| Sectors covered and thresholds | No information available yet. |
| Point of regulation | No information available yet. |
| Number of liable entities | No information available yet. |
| Cap | No information available yet. |

Phases & Allocation

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| Trading period | No information available yet. |
| Allocation | No information available yet. |

Flexibility

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| Banking and borrowing | No information available yet. |
| Offsets and credits | No information available yet. |
| Market Stability Provisions | No information available yet. |

Compliance

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| Compliance Period | No information available yet. |
| Monitoring, Reporting, Verification (MRV) | No information available yet. |
| Enforcement | No information available yet. |

Linking

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| Links with other Systems | No information available yet. |
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Other Information

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| Institutions involved | Washington Department of Ecology |
| Evaluation / ETS review | No information available yet. |
| Revenue | No information available yet. |
| Implementing Legislation | No information available yet. |

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